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BY virtue of His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to His Majesty's Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Wednesday the Twenty-ninth day of this instant November, to be then here holden.
Message to attend His Majesty.

Elections.

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[No. 1.] Wednesday, 29th November, 1944.

PRAYERS at Eleven of the clock.

A MESSAGE from His Majesty, by Brigadier-General Lord Esme Gordon-Lennox, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O., Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Majesty:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at 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 House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such Bribery or other corrupt practices.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed being first perused by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing Outlawries was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
Ordered, That the Journal of this House, from the end of the last Session to the end of the present Session, with an Index thereto, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir 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.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th November 1944, entitled the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 2) Order, 1944.

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

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 23rd November 1944, making Regulations under the Defence (War Risks Insurance) Regulations, 1944.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd November 1944, made by the Governor of Northern Ireland in Council, uniting the counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh and Londonderry, the county of the city of Londonderry, and the county of Tyrone, for the purposes of the Winter Assizes.

Copy of Draft Rules entitled the Prison Rules, 1944.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1944, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order (Scotland), 1944.

Copy of Regulations, dated 16th November 1944, entitled the Housing (Scotland) Acts (Forms of Orders and Notices) Amendment Regulations, 1944.

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

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 16th October 1944, entitled the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Regulations, 1944.

Copy of a Scheme made by the London Passenger Transport Board and the Erith Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1939.

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

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,

The United Nations look back on a year of resounding achievement. They now look forward with greater confidence than ever before to those final victories which will give to the peoples of the world the just peace which is our chief desire. In Western Europe My Forces from the United Kingdom and Canada and their comrades from the United States, with the valuable aid of the Armed Forces of My European Allies and of the peoples who have risen to meet them, have routed the enemy in a series of decisive battles and are now pressing him on the borders of his own country. In Italy the Forces of the United Nations have advanced to the northern plains and in Greece and Yugoslavia the Germans are being driven from the countries which they have oppressed for three bitter years. In the East the massive achievements of My Russian Ally have deprived the Germans of vast stretches of territory which they hoped would feed their armies and provide an impassable barrier to prevent the soil of Germany from becoming a battleground. Both in the East and in the West, Germany is invaded. The plight in which her armies now find themselves is a measure of the success which by God's grace has crowned our arms.

In the war against Japan the enemy has been thrown back from India and My American Ally continues to reduce the shrinking area still under Japanese control in the Pacific. We intend to reinforce as rapidly and powerfully as possible the United Kingdom Forces who are now sharing with their comrades from all parts of the British Commonwealth and Empire and from the United States, China, the Netherlands and France the burden of the struggle against Japan.

My Navies everywhere have maintained their mastery over the enemy and have achieved great successes, in which My Air Forces have fully shared, in driving his surface and submarine forces from the seas. My Air Forces, in concert with the Air Forces of the United States, have delivered increasingly heavy blows against Germany and have maintained their support of military and naval operations in all theatres.

The successes of My Armed Forces would not have been achieved but for the devoted labours of those throughout the Commonwealth and Empire who have striven ceaselessly to arm and equip them. It is over five years now since My peoples first took up the struggle to free the world from aggression and the contribution of the civil population is beyond all praise.

The United Nations await with sober confidence the unravelling of future events. Joined in an unbreakable alliance and fortified by constant collaboration between the Governments concerned and by frequent personal meetings between their leaders, they look forward to that day on which the aggressor is finally defeated and the whole world can turn to the rebuilding of prosperity and the maintenance of an unassailable peace.

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,

Victory remains our supreme aim and to this end you will be invited to pass such further legislation as may be required for the effective prosecution of the war.

Once, however, the war in Europe is over, the transition from war to peace will begin; and My Ministers are actively preparing plans to ensure that, without in any way prejudicing the active prosecution of the war against Japan, an increasing part of our resources is made available for civilian production. They will try to create conditions favourable to the expansion of our export trade and the reequipment of our industry and to maintain a high level of food production at home. They are considering the methods by which the policy for the maintenance of a high level of employment can be implemented, especially with regard to the distribution of industry in the Development Areas. Progress will be made in fulfilling the urgent tasks of providing additional housing accommodation and of increasing supplies of civilian goods. My Ministers will continue their policy of ensuring a fair distribution of the necessaries of life so long as there is any scarcity.

My Government intend that, as opportunity serves, progress should be made with legislation arising out of the proposals already made public for a comprehensive health service, an enlarged and unified scheme of national insurance, a new scheme of industrial injury insurance and a system of family allowances. They will also invite you to approve measures embodying proposals for a national water policy which have already been presented to you.

A Bill will be laid before you dealing with electoral reform based on the recommendations of Mr. Speaker’s Conference, and a Bill providing for the resumption of local elections at the appropriate time. You will be invited to pass measures relating to the provision of finance for the capital expenditure which local authorities will incur after the end of hostilities in Europe and proposals for the adjustment of local government areas in England and Wales will also be laid before you.

You will be asked to approve legislation designed to extend export credit facilities and to conserve, subject to appropriate safeguards, the use or value of assets created at the public expense on requisitioned and other land.

Measures will also be laid before you making further provision for the regulation of wages and conditions of employment and for the development of the public educational system in Scotland.

There will be presented to you legislation making further provision for assistance towards the development of the Colonial Empire, both by prolonging the period covered by the Colonial Development and Welfare Act of 1940 and by substantially increasing the provision of funds authorised to be made under that Act.

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—

(Captain Sidney)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the supply of water from the Shropshire Union Canal; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the closing for navigation of the Huddersfield Canals to the Company of Proprietors of the Calder and Hebble Navigation; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That during the present Session, until the House otherwise order—

(1) Standing Orders Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8 and 14 shall have effect as if, for any reference to a time mentioned in 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) Whenever the House sits on a Friday, Standing Orders Nos. 1 and 14 shall have effect as if, for any reference to a time mentioned in the following Table, there were substituted a reference to the time respectively mentioned in the second column of that Table:

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(3) On any day on which the House sits, 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 substituted references to a quarter past One and a quarter past Two of the clock.

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

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

No. 2.

Thursday, 30th November, 1944.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

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

(a) 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";

(b) where by virtue of any Order in Council any functions of any Minister have been transferred to some other Minister references therein to the functions of 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; For the purpose of this Order "Minister" shall include any Government Department;

(c) where by any Standing Order there is a reference to the subject matter of the transferred functions of any Minister there shall be substituted a reference to the date following week ";

(d) where it is intended to make application for the Proviso to that Order the following Proviso were substituted: "Provided always that the provisions of this Standing Order shall apply subject to the following modifications that is to say for the reference to the 4th day of December there shall be substituted a reference to the date on which the Petition for the Bill is deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office.—

(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, entitled the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) (Extension of Insurance and Premium) Order, 1944. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, entitled the War Risks Insurance (Commodity Insurance). Copy of Amendments, dated 6th November 1944, to the War Risks (Commodity Insurance) Order, 1938. 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 ending the 30th day of September 1944, 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.

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

Schedules of and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of the Commissioners of Crown Lands, which are not considered of sufficient public Value to justify their Preservation in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Private Bills and Private Business.

shall not differ from the draft deposited with him except so far as he by general or special direction may allow.

In the case of a Bill for which the Petition is deposited or proposed to be deposited by leave of the House after the 27th day of November the provisions of this Order shall apply subject to the following modification that is to say for the reference to the 4th day of December there shall be substituted a reference to the date on which the Petition for the Bill is deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office.—

(No. 2.)

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and, in the case of Bills for confirming Pro-

visional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders
ought or ought not to be confirmed:

Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming
Provisional Orders which, in the Session of
1943-44, 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; and 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, those Bills being specified which have
been referred to Committees and dropped

Ordered, That there be laid before this House,
a Return of the number of Public Bills,
distinguishing Government from other Bills,
introduced into this House, or brought from
the House of Lords, during the Session of
1943-44, showing the number which received the Royal
Assent; the number which were passed by this
House, but not by the House of Lords; the
number passed by the House of Lords, but not
by this House; and distinguishing the stages
at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal
Assent were dropped or postponed and rejected
in either House of Parliament.—(The Deputy
Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House,
a Return of the number of Public Petitions
presented and printed in the Session of 1943-44,
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 Select Committees
appointed in the Session of 1943-44, the Chair-
men'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 Select Committees; and the name of the Member who moved for such
Committee; also the total number of Members
who served on Select Committees.—(The
Deputy Chairman.)

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

appointed for the day on which the House shall
so meet; provided also that in the event of
Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness
or other cause, the Chairman of Ways and
Means, or the Deputy Chairman, be authorised
to act in his stead for the purposes of this
Resolution.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being

Business and
Sittings of
the House.

Resolved, That during the present Session—
(1) Government business shall have pre-
cedence at every sitting:

(2) 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 the Standing
Order (Procedure on offer of new
Clause):

(3) 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 ad-
jourment at a time when the House
was sitting:

(4) 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:

(5) Paragraph (2) of the Standing Order
(Sittings of the House) shall have effect as
if all the words after "clock" were omitted
and the following words were substituted
therefor:—

"or, if proceedings exempted as herein-
after provided from the operation of
this Order are under discussion at or
after the hour appointed under para-
graph (3) of this Order for the inter-
ruption of business, half an hour after
the conclusion of such proceedings,
Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House
without question put":

(6) The following paragraphs shall have
effect in substitution for paragraphs (8)
and (9) of the Standing Order (Sittings
of the House):—

(8) A motion may be made by a Minister
of the Crown, either with or without
notice and either at the commence-
ment 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:

(g) 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) made 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);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1, 7, by leaving out the word "introduced," and inserting the words "set down for a Second Reading. No Bill shall be introduced under the Standing Order "Sittings of the House" for a specified period after the hour appointed for the interruption of business:

And the Question being put, That the word "introduced" stand part of the Question

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the

Mr. Young,
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn: 226.

Tellers for the

Petty Officer Herbert,
Mr. William Brown: 33.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

"(7) The House shall not be counted during the first half-hour of any debate upon a Motion for the Adjournment made between two Orders of the day or after the Orders of the day have been disposed of, or after the interruption of business.—

(Captain Cunningham-Reid).

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 put;

Ordered, That during the present Session—

(1) Government business shall have precedence at every sitting:

(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 the Standing Order (Procedure on offer of new Clause):

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

(4) 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:

(5) Paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) shall have effect as if all the words after "clock" were omitted and the following words were substituted therefor:—

"or, if proceedings exempted as herein-after provided from the operation of this Order are under discussion at or after the hour appointed under paragraph (3) of this Order for the interruption of business, half an hour after the conclusion of such proceedings, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House without question put."

(6) The following paragraphs shall have effect in substitution for paragraphs (8) and (9) of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House):—

(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
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th 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:—

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Captain McEwen.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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.)

The Committee of Public Accounts was Public nominated of Sir Irving Albery, Mr. Benson, Sir Edmund Brocklebank, Sir George Davies, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Owen Evans, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Jowson, Sir John Mellor, Mr. Peake, Mr. Pichhorn, Sir Ascheton-Powenall, Sir Frank Sanderson, Sir Hugh O'Neill and Earl Winterton.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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.—(Sir James Edmondson) And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain McEwen);

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.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Committee of Selection was nominated Selection. of Sir Irving Albery, Rear-Admiral Beamish, Sir Edmund Brocklebank, Mr. Charleston, Mr. Stanley Holmes, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Pearson, Sir Stanley Reed, Mr. Roberts, Sir Lambert Ward and Mr. Watson.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

The House was moved, That the Standing Order of the 31st day of October last, relating to the London Midland and Scottish Railway (Canals) Bill [Lords], suspended in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Certificates from one of the Clerks in the Committee and Private Bill Office, that the Declarations required by the said Standing Order, in respect of the said Bills, have been duly deposited.

The London Midland and Scottish Railway London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time, and committed and reported with such Amendments as were made in Committee in the last Session of Parliament (pursuant to the Standing Order of the 31st day of October last).
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

The London Midland and Scottish Railway (Canals) Bill [Lords.] was read the first and second time, and committed and reported with such Amendments as were made in Committee in the last Session of Parliament (pursuant to the Standing Order of the 31st day of October last).

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—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 29th day of February 1944;—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 Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 Altrincham Gas Company.

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of November last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as relate to Private Bills, and that such Committee do classify and prepare abstracts of the same in such form and manner as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite information respecting their contents, and do report the same from time to time to the House; and that the Reports of the Committee do set forth, in respect of each Petition, the number of signatures which are accompanied by addresses, and which are written on sheets headed in every case by the prayer of the Petition, or on the back of such sheets, provided that on every sheet after the first the prayer may be reproduced in print or by other mechanical process; and that such Committee have power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it:—And the Committee was nominated of Colonel Acland-Troyte, Sir Robert Bird, Sir Edward Campbell, Mr. Chater, Sir Reginald Clarry, Mr. Daggar, Captain Alan Graham, Mr. Horabin, Sir Percy Hurd, Mr. Magnay, Brigadier-General Sir Ernest Makins, Sir Alexander Russell, 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.)

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

[No. 4.]

Tuesday, 5th December, 1944.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

The following Paper, presented by His Parliamentary Papers, was ordered to lie upon the Table:—Copy of a Report of the Advisory Council on Education in Scotland, relating to Adult Education Grants.

Mr. Peake presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of further Sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1945, for Civil Departments.

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

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 27th October 1944, entitled—

(1) the General Medical Council (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1944.
(2) the Epping Forest Verderers (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1944, and
(3) the Clyde Navigation Trustees (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1944.
We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of thisRealm of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to this House.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of November last, That a Select Committee be appointed to control the

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider every Statutory Rule or Order (including any Provisional Rule made under Section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893) laid or laid in draft before the House, being a Rule, Order, or Draft upon which proceedings may be taken in either House in pursuance of any Act of Parliament, with a view to determining whether the special attention of the House should be drawn to it on any of the following grounds—

(i) that it imposes a charge on the public revenues or contains provisions requiring payments to be made to the Exchequer or any Government Department or to any local or public authority in consideration of any licence or consent, or of any services to be rendered, or prescribes the amount of any such charge or payments;

(ii) that it is made in pursuance of an enactment containing specific provisions excluding it from challenge in the courts, either at all times or after the expiration of a specified period;

(iii) that it appears to make some unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statute under which it is made:

(iv) that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the publication of it:

(v) that for any special reason its form or purport calls for elucidation.

And the Committee was nominated of Captain Cross, Mr. Owen Evans, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Farness, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Molyneux Hughes, Colonel Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Molson, Mr. Petherick, Mr. Elises Smith and Mr. Edward Smith.

Ordered, That the Committee shall have the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House, and to report from time to time.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to require any Government Department concerned to submit a memorandum explaining any Rule, Order, or Draft which may be under their consideration or to depute a representative to appear before them as a Witness for the purpose of explaining any such Rule, Order, or Draft.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, That, before reporting that the Bill be read a second time, the Committee shall have the power to require any Government Department concerned to submit a memorandum explaining any Rule, Order, or Draft which may be under their consideration or to depute a representative to appear before them as a Witness for the purpose of explaining any such Rule, Order, or Draft.

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Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, That, before reporting that the special attention of the House should be drawn to any Rule, Order, or Draft, the Committee do afford to any Government Department concerned therewith an opportunity of furnishing orally or in writing such explanations as the Department think fit.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of November last, 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 Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Resolved, That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to enquire into the accommodation in the Palace of Westminster and to report thereon, with such recommendations as appear to them desirable.—[Sir Percy Harris.]  

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated to the Lords; and that the Clerk do communicate the same, and desire their concurrence.

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.—(Captain McEwen.)

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the London Midland and Scottish Railway (Canals) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to 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 Indian Civil Service, Indian Police, and Indian Medical Service (Civil) and the Number of Vacancies remaining therein.

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 23rd November 1944, entitled the Wool Yarn and Wool Cloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1944.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th 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 Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament;

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

"But, while welcoming the intention to export trade create conditions favourable to the expansion of our export trade and the re-equipment of our industry humbly regret that the Gracious Speech contains no proposals for the reorganisation of the Board of Trade and no mention of the other steps necessary for such expansion or for dealing effectively with the change-over of industry from war to peace production."—(Mr. Summers.)

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. Beochman.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

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

Mr. Lyttelton, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Expiring Laws Continuance [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:

Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, 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 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,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of November last, 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 Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

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

And it being half an hour after the conclusion of the Business exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, as modified for this Session by the Order of the House of the 30th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes after Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of a Scheme made by the Coventry County 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.

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 Emergency Legislation Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.


Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th 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 contains no proposals for dealing with housing either with regard to the speedy repair of bomb damage or the formulation of an adequate long-term housing programme."—(Captain Cobb.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the House Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), for One hour after Six of the clock.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

And the Question being again proposed, That the proposed 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. Beechman.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to revise the Standing Orders relative to Private Business:—And the Committee was nominated of Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Mugnay, Mr. Mander, the Chairman of Ways and Means, Sir Stanley Reed, Sir Alexander Russell, Sir Harry Selley, Mr. George Strauss, Sir Richard Wells and Sir Herbert Williams.

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

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir James Edmondson.)
Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Beechman.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Seven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 7.] Friday, 8th December, 1944.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Navy (Pay, Pensions, &c.). Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 8th December 1944, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

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

Ordered, That no Notices of Amendments on going into Committee of Supply be given until the first Thursday in February next.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

PRAYERS.

R. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sir William Jenkins, Member for the County of Glamorgan (Neath Division), and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

Ordered, That the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords] be read the third and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords] be read the third time upon Thursday next at Three of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of November last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament; and the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words—“But humbly regret that the Gracious Speech contains no assurance that His Majesty’s forces will not be used to disarm the friends of democracy in Greece and other parts of Europe, or to suppress those popular movements which have valourously assisted in the defeat of the enemy and upon whose success we must rely for future friendly co-operation in Europe.”—(Mr. Cocks.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Mr. Barstow, Mr. Hugh Lawson: 30.
Yeas, Tellers for the Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Whitley: 279.
Noes, So it passed in the Negative.

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. 8.] Tuesday, 12th December, 1944.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—Death of a Member.

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

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 8th December 1944, amending Regulation 45 of the Defence (General Regulations), 1939.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—(1) the Cinematograph Films (Labour Costs) Amendment Order, 1944, and (2) the Cinematograph Films (Quota Amendment) Order, 1944.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Young.)
National Health Insurance.

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Regulations,—
(1) dated 19th September 1944, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army and Air Force Auxiliary Services) Regulations, 1944,
(2) dated 19th September 1944, entitled the National Health Insurance (Reserve Forces) Regulations, 1944, and
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.—Copies of Provisional Regulations, dated 7th December 1944, entitled—
(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1944, and
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1944.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Herring Fund Advances Account.

No. 6.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee of Selection, That in pursuance of Standing Order 272 relating to Private Business, they had selected the following Twenty Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936: Mr. Francis Beattie, Mr. Buchanan, Sir Samuel Chapman, Mr. Erskine Hill, Sir Henry Fildes, Sir Edmund Findlay, Sir John Graham Kerr, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. McKie, Mr. Joseph MacKay, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Hubbard, Sir Thomas Moore, Major Neven-Spence, Lord William Scott, Captain Shaw, Sir Robert Smith, Mr. Snadden, Mr. Henderson Stewart and Mr. Watson.

Selection (Committee on Unopposed Bills) (Panel).

Sir Charles MacAndrew further reported from the Committee, That they had selected the following Twenty-two Members to be the Panel of Members to serve on the Select Committee on Standing Orders under Standing Order 98 relating to Private Business: Colonel Adland-Trotty, Lieutenant-Colonel Boles, Sir Franked, Sir Austin Hudson, Sir Henry Haydn Jones, Major Leighton, Sir Frank Sanderson and Mr. Timmer.

Mr. Charles MacAndrew 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.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 2) Order, 1944 (S.R. & O., 1944, No. 868), a copy of which was presented on the 29th day of November last, and the Draft of the Cinematograph Films (Labour Costs Amendment) Order, 1944, a copy of which was presented this day, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to them, on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords concur with the Commons in their Resolution, That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to inquire into the accommodation in the Palace of Westminster and to report thereon with such recommendations as appear to them desirable.
Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Order of the day and on any Motions relative to the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons) 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 King's Speech we referred to the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed the 29th day of November last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,
We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament; And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Ordered, That the Estimate presented on the 5th day of this instant December be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

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

Resolved, That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of Orissa on the 30th day of June 1944, a copy of which Proclamation was presented on the 25th day of July 1944.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of November last, 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;

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

And the Question being put:

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, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Cooke, Viscountess Davidson, Sir Henry Fildes, Mrs. Hardie, Commander King-Hall, Mr. Liddall, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mr. Muff, Sir Ashton Pownall, Mr. Bracewell Smith, Mr. Evelyn Wallden, 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 Mr. Fraser be discharged from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c.; and that Mr. Burke be added to the Committee.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

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

Mr. Speaker, having, in pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairman), nominated Eleven Members to be the Chairmen's Panel, the said nomination is here entered; and is as followeth:

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


D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

12th December, 1944.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1944.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th November 1944, entitled the Secondary Schools Amending Regulations No. 3, 1944.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Secretary Johnston and Mr. Ernest Brown, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to parliamentary and local government franchises, and the registration of parliamentary and local government electors, to provide for the resumption of local elections, and otherwise to amend the law relating to parliamentary and local government elections, including the redistribution of seats at parliamentary elections: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1944.

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1. £500,000 (Supplementary), Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.
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.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1945, the sum of £709,750 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

—(Mr. Peake.)

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

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

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

Mr. Chapman 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-five, and of the Special Areas (Amendment) Act, 1937, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-six, 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.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 2) Order, 1944, dated 17th November 1944, made by the Treasury under Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 29th day of November last, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in arrangements for the reporting and publishing of Debates and in regard to the form and distribution of the Notice Papers issued in connection with the Business of the House; and to enquire into the expenditure on stationery and printing for the House and the public services generally—(Mr. Mathers);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words “assist Mr. Speaker in arrangements for the reporting and publishing of Debates and,” and inserting the words “control the arrangements for the reporting and publishing of Debates and to advise Mr. Speaker on any question concerning the accuracy of the Report;” to assist Mr. Speaker—(Commander King-Hall), 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 a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in arrangements for the reporting and publishing of Debates and in regard to the form and distribution of the Notice Papers issued in connection with the Business of the House; and to enquire into the expenditure on stationery and printing for the House and the public services generally:—And the Committee was nominated of Sir Reginald Clarry, Mr. Close, Mr. Emery, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Jeanson, Commander King-Hall, Mr. Naylour, Sir Stanley Reed, Mr. Storey, Sir Murray Sueter and Mr. Graham White.

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

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Mathers.)
Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 10.]

Thursday, 14th December, 1944.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir James Grigg presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Amendment to the Supplementary Reserve Regulations, 1939.

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

Mr. Beevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Interim Report by a Court of Inquiry into a dispute at the naval yard of Vickers-Armstrong, Limited, Walker-on-Tyne.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew 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 Cyril Entwistle and Mr. Watson to be the two Members whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before giving his certificate to a Money Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the Bill be now read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House resumed the postponed Proceeding on the Question, That this House approves the proposals contained in Command Paper No. 6567 for recruitment to established posts in the Civil Service during the reconstruction period.

And the Question being put; Resolved, That this House approves the proposals contained in Command Paper No. 6567 for recruitment to established posts in the Civil Service during the reconstruction period.

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

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Charactered and proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Clyde Navigation Trustees (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1944, a copy of which was presented on the 5th day of this instant December, be annulled.—(Sir Harold Webbe):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

[No. II.]

Friday, 15th December, 1944.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Chairman of Ways and Means reported, Private Bills. That, in accordance with Standing Order 87 relating to Private Business, 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.:—

Bucks Water Board.
Colne Valley Water.
Gloucester Corporation.
Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.
Metropolitan Water Board.
North Devon Water Board.
Falmouth and St. Mary Rural District Council.
Pontypool Gas and Water.
Reigate Corporation
South Shields Corporation.
Wallasey Corporation.

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 8th December 1944, approving Admiralty Memorials under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,-Report of action taken under the said Regulation during November 1944.

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

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th November 1944, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 13th November 1943, 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; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Walter Womersley, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London Midland and Scottish Railway (Canals) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Mr. William Morrison, Mr. Attorney General and Miss Wilkinson, presented a Bill to make temporary provision as to justices' licences in war-damaged areas and certain areas related to war-damaged areas: 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.)

Mr. Secretary Stanley reported from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant December, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:
Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1944.

Class II.
Vote 8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £700,000, 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 1945, for sundry Colonial and Middle Eastern Services under His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain non-effective services and grants in aid.

Vote 5. Dominion Services.

2. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10,750, 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 1945, for sundry Dominion services, including certain grants in aid, and for expenditure in connection with Ex-Service Men in Eire, and for a grant in aid to Eire in respect of compensation to transferred officers.

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

Sir Walter Womersley reported from the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means of the 13th day of this instant December, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth;

That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1945, the sum of £709,750 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 1), and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Peake, do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Peake accordingly presented a Bill to Consolidated Fund (No. 1), 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-five; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

The House was moved, That the Resolution of the House of the 5th day of this instant December relative to the appointment of a Joint Committee on accommodation in the Palace of Westminster, which Resolution was ordered to be communicated to the Lords, and the Lords Message of the 12th day of this instant December signifying their concurrence in the said Resolution might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Seven Members be appointed to join with a Committee to be appointed by the Lords to
Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Stuart); And it being Five of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

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

Mr. Secretary Sir James Grigg presented, pur- Army suant to the directions of an Act of Parliament (Territorial Army).—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, by His Education Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the (Scotland), Advisory Council on Education in Scotland on Education Authority Bursaries.

Copy of the Report of the Scottish Coalfields Coal Mines Committee.

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

Mr. Bevis presented, pursuant to the direc- Catering tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th December 1944, entitled the Wages Board (Unlicensed Place of Refreshment) Order, 1944.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on accommoda- Palace of Westminster tion in the Palace of Westminster in the last Session of Parliament be referred to the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee to be appointed by the Lords on the same subject.—(Sir Cyril Entwistle.)

Mr. Harvey reported from the Select Commit- Statue Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Cinematograph Films (Quota Amendment) Order, 1944, a copy of which was presented this day, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to it, on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by the 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 Local Elections Registration of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Representation of the People Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison, by His Majesty's Representation Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject...
matter of the Motion relating to Representation of the People (Money), proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act") to amend the law relating to parliamentary and local government franchises and the registration of parliamentary and local government electors, and otherwise to amend the law relating to parliamentary and local government elections, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any expenses incurred by a Registrar General of births, deaths and marriages for the purposes of the said Act and of any increase occasioned by the said Act in the expenses so incurred for the purposes of the Parliamentary Electors (War-Time Registration) Act, 1943 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1943");

(b) of any registration expenses incurred by a registration officer under the said Act and of any increase occasioned by the said Act in registration expenses incurred by a registration officer under the Act of 1943 but not including any registration expenses incurred under either Act by a registration officer in Great Britain after the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-five;

(c) to the council of any county or borough in England or Wales, and to the council of any county or burgh in Scotland, of the proportion specified in the said Act of the amount paid by the council on account of any registration expenses properly incurred by a registration officer under the said Act or the Act of 1943 after the said seventh day of May.

—(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 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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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. Mathers.)

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

[No. 13.]

Wednesday, 20th December, 1944.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That His Majesty, having been attended with their Address of the 12th day of this instant December, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

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

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the Pensions directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 8th December 1944, declaring Kashgar to be an unhealthy place within the meaning of the Superannuation Act, 1876.

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

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, pursuant to Pensions the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1917 to 1936, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1944.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to Pensions the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statement of Pensions, &c., granted under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1944 to 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to Pensions the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments, dated 28th September 1944, to the Reservation of Posts (Officers in His Majesty's Forces) Rules, 1938.

Copy of Amendments, dated 5th October 1944, to the Reserved Posts (Indian Civil Service) Rules, 1938.

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported Requisitioned by Secretary Sir James Grigg, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Secretary Johnston, Sir Bill. Andrew Duncan, Sir Stafford Cripps, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Peake and Mr. Noel-Baker, presented a Bill to authorise the acquisition of certain land used or dealt with for war purposes and to make other provision as to such land; to remove doubts as to the powers of certain Ministers to acquire land under the Defence Act, 1842; to amend certain of the enactments relating to compensation in respect of land; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of January next; and to be printed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported Local by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Willink and Authorities Loans Bill.

Mr. Peake, presented a Bill to prohibit the borrowing of money by local authorities otherwise than from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to amend section five of the Public Works Loans Act, 1941, and to make
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.---(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

The Clerk read the Certificate of Mr. Speaker, That he had been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the consent and the assent of the Lords and desire their concurrence (the Bill being on the Table).

Resolved, That this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Acts, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

Cinematograph Films.

Resolved, That the Cinematograph Films (Labour Costs Amendment) Order, 1944, proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 36 of the Cinematograph Films Act, 1938, a copy of a draft of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant December, be made.---(Captain Waterhouse.)

Cinematograph Films. (Quota Amendment) Order, 1944, proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 15 of the Cinematograph Films Act, 1938, a copy of a draft of which Order was presented on the 19th day of this instant December, be made.---(Captain Waterhouse.)

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 Altrincham Gas Company, which was presented on the 1st day of this instant December and published, be approved.---(Mr. Tom Smith.)

Church of England (National Assembly) (Measures).

Resolved, That the Emergency Legislation Measure, 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.---(Major Mills.)

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.---Adjournment. (Mr. Young.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Brigadier-General Lord Esme Gordon-Lennox, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O., Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and to a Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

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

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

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1944 (Session 2).
2. Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1944.
5. London Midland and Scottish Railway (Canals) Act, 1944.

Emergency Legislation Measure, 1944.

Adjournment.

And the Question being again proposed, 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.

Adjournment.

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

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 the 16th day of January next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of yesterday.

Mr. Speaker having, in pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, nominated Two Members to serve on the Ecclesiastical Committee, the said nomination is here entered; and is as followeth:

In pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919 (9 & t0 Geo. 5, c. 76, s. 2(2)), I hereby nominate Ronwen Moelwyn Hughes, Esquire, K.C., and Lieutenant-Colonel Dennis Coleridge Boles to serve for the duration of the present Parliament upon the Ecclesiastical Committee, in the room of John James Lawson, Esquire, and the Honourable Richard Douglas Denman, resigned.

D. CLIFTON BROWN,
Speaker.

21st December, 1944.

[No. 15.]

Tuesday, 16th January, 1945.

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, in action, of Lieutenant-Colonel John Robert Jermain Macnamara, Member for the County of Essex (Chelmsford Division); and of the death of James Walker, Esquire, Member for the County of Lanark (Motherwell 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 laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Petitions, Bills, That, in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills, the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

Commercial Gas
East Grinstead Gas and Water
Ilford Corporation
Manchester Ship Canal
South Suburban Gas
Staffordshire Potteries Stipendiary Justice
Wadebridge Rural District Council
Warrington Corporation
Weaver Navigation
Wisbech Water.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Petitions, 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.:

Bucks Water Board
Colne Valley Water
Gloucester Corporation
Mersey Docks and Harbour Board
Metropolitan Water Board
North Devon Water Board
Plympton St. Mary Rural District Council
Pontypool Gas and Water Board
Reigate Corporation
South Shields Corporation
Wallasey Corporation

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Petitions, Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Newport (Isle of Wight) Corporation.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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 (Presentation of Command Papers) were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of Correspondence between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Egyptian Government concerning Egyptian Foreign Exchange Requirements for 1945. Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia, signed at Addis Ababa, on the 19th day of December 1944.


Copy of an Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Alternative Remedies (Contributional Negligence).

Copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on Workmen's Compensation.

Higher Appointments.


Civil Estimates (Supplementary Estimate, 1944). No. 9. Vote of Credit (Supplementary). 1944 (Expenditure arising out of the War). No. 10.

Vote of Credit, 1945 (Expenditure arising out of the War). No. 11.

Greek Loan of 1832.

Mr. \(\text{Peake}\) presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Minute containing Particulars of a Gift of certain Government Surplus Stores to Women's Voluntary Services for Distribution to bombed-out Families.

Estimate of further Sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1945, for Civil Departments.

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 1945, 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; for Relief and Rehabilitation in Areas brought under the Control of any of the United Nations; 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.

Estimate of the Sum required to be voted towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, 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; for Relief and Rehabilitation in Areas brought under the Control of any of the United Nations; 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.

Account of Moneys paid out of the Consolidated Fund under the Acts 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 131, and 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan which was guaranteed by this Country under the authority of the said Acts, and of the Amount repaid by the Greek Government on account of the same, up to the 31st day of December 1944.

Mr. \(\text{Peake}\) also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ending the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Army Accounts.

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil by Parliament for Civil Services, Classes I—IX, Appropriation Accounts for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Revenue Departments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon Revenue and certain Store Accounts.

Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of Crown Lands, Crown Lands, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of an Order, dated 16th December 1944, entitled the Biscuits (Charges) Order, 1944.

Abstract Account of the Receipts into, and Payments out of, the Road Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; that the other Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimates Crown Lands and the said Appropriation Accounts and the Accounts relative to, the Road Fund be printed.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Force, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of an Order, dated 11th December 1944 providing for the Re-issue, with Amendments and Additions, of the Regulations included in a Volume entitled the King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force, 1928 (2nd Edition).

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report as to the Expulsion, Registration, and Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of December 1944.

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 Leek.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 16B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report of action taken under the said Regulation during December 1944.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Emergency Powers (Defence) (Detention Orders) be printed.
Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report by the Scottish Land Settlement Committee.

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 22nd December 1944, entitled the Household Rubber Gloves (Maximum Prices) Order, 1944.

Copy of Regulations, dated 29th December 1944, entitled the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) List Regulations, 1944.

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

National Health Insurance.

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd December 1944, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations, 1944.

Copy of Regulations, dated 29th December 1944, entitled the National Health Insurance (Unclaimed Proceeds of Stamp Sales) Amendment Regulations, 1944.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 1st January 1945, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1945.

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

Factories.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th December 1944, entitled—

(1) the Weekly Hours of Young Persons under sixteen in Factories (Various Textile and Allied Industries) (Continuation) Regulations, 1944, and

(2) the Weekly Hours of Young Persons under sixteen in Factories (Printing and Book-binding) (Continuation) Regulations, 1944.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1944, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order, 1944.

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

Unemployment Insurance.

Mr. Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 28th December 1944, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1944.

Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Ministry of War Transport on account of Seamen’s Savings Banks, under the authority of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, the Minister of Shipping (Transfer of Functions) Order, 1939, and the Ministers of the Crown (Minister of War Transport) Order, 1941, during the year ended the 20th day of November 1943, and of the Interest thereon.

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

Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th December 1944, entitled the School Attendance Order Regulations, 1944.

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Copy of Regulations, dated 18th December Education 1944, entitled the Training of Teachers Second (England).

Supplementary Regulations, 1944.

Copy of Regulations, dated 13th December Education 1944, entitled the Schemes of Divisional Administration (Notices) Regulations, 1944.

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

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

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 19th December 1944, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Rules, 1944.

Copy of Provisional Rules, dated 1st January 1945, entitled the County Court Funds Provisional Rules, 1945.

Accounts of the Unemployment Fund, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Sugar Industry (Research and Education) Fund, showing the Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

The Wages Councils Bill was, according to Wages Councils Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Bevin, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Wages Councils [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment of wages councils, and otherwise for the regulation of the remuneration and conditions of employment of workers in certain circumstances, 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 a wages council, a commission of inquiry or a central co-ordinating committee established or set up thereunder.—(Mr. Bevin.)

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 do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Cary.)

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

**PRAYERS.**

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Conditions of an Armistice with Roumania, signed at Moscow on the 12th day of September 1944 (with Annex and Protocol).

Copy of the Conditions of an Armistice with Finland, signed at Moscow on the 10th day of September 1944 (with Annexes and Protocols).

Copy of the Conditions of an Armistice with Bulgaria, signed at Moscow on the 28th day of October 1944 (with Protocol).

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

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty's Command,—List of Exceptions to the King's Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1944.

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

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th December 1944, entitled the County of Worcester (Smallpox) Regulations, 1944.

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

(1) Stourbridge Borough Council.
(2) Blackburn Town Council.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement showing the Total Amounts of the Certified Valuations in the Yorkshire Region in respect of Principal and Subsidiary Coal Hereditaments, respectively.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., 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, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Orders in Council adding Regulations 60cAA and 68D to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 (S.R. & O., 1944, Nos. 1311 and 1312), copies of which were presented on the 5th day of December last, and are of the opinion that the attention of the House should be drawn to Regulation 60cAA on the ground that it appears to make some unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statute under which it is made and that its form or purport calls for elucidation; and to Regulation 68D on the ground that it appears to make some unusual or expected use of the powers conferred by the Statute under which it is made.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make obligatory the carrying by bicycles and tricycles not propelled by mechanical power of rear lamps, red reflectors and white surfaces during the hours of darkness, and to relax temporarily, as respects such vehicles when stationary owing to the exigencies of the traffic or in order to comply with any traffic signal or direction, the obligation to show lights; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Butler, supported by Mr. Willink, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Peake and Mr. Ede, presented Bill to amend the definition of contributory service for the purposes of the Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1925, to extend the enactments relating to the superannuation of teachers to certain persons employed in connection with the provision of educational services otherwise than as teachers, and to make other amendments of the law relating to the superannuation of teachers and such persons as 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 exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Mr. Butler reported from the Committee on Representation of the People (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session (hereinafter referred to as the said Act") to amend the law relating to parliamentary and local government franchises and the registration of parliamentary and local government electors, and otherwise to amend the law relating to parliamentary and local government elections, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any expenses incurred by a Registrar General of births, deaths and marriages for the purposes of the said Act and of any increase occasioned by the said Act in the expenses so incurred for the purposes of the Parliamentary Electors (War-Time Registration) Act, 1943 (hereinafter referred to as the Act of 1943") ;

(b) of any registration expenses incurred by a registration officer under the said Act and of any increase occasioned by the said Act in registration expenses incurred by a registration officer under the Act of 1943 but not including any registration expenses incurred under either Act by a registration officer in Great Britain after the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-five;

(c) to the council of any county or borough in England or Wales, and to the council...
of any county or burgh in Scotland, of the proportion specified in the said Act of the amount paid by the council on account of any registration expenses properly incurred by a registration officer under the said Act or the Act of 1943 after the said seventh day of May.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Triennial Elections). An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, to leave out the word "March," and insert the word "May."—(Mr. Moelwyn Hughes.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Annual election of one third of councillors).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 35, to leave out from the beginning to the end of l. 3, on p. 4, and insert the words "(a) All the councillors shall retire on the appropriate date."—(Mr. Prritt.)

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

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 6 to 9 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 10 and 11 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Registers which are to be in force for local government and parliamentary elections).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 43, to leave out the word "fifteenth," and insert the word "first."—(Captain Cobb.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (May 1945 register).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 30, to leave out the words "beginning of the said month of March," and insert the words "sixteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-five."—(Lieutenant-Commander Hutchinson.)

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. 14 (Annual register under this Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 43, at the end, to add the words—"(6) Every electoral register shall be printed on one side of the paper only and shall wherever possible be arranged in street order and not alphabetically."—(Mr. Hugh Lawson.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 15 and 16 agreed to.

Clause No. 17 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 18 (Preparation of registers and appeals from registration officer).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, to leave out ll. 27 to 30.—(Captain Cobb.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 19 to 21 agreed to.

Clause No. 22 (Amendment as to redistribution of seats).

Amendment proposed in p. 19, to leave out ll. 39 and 40, and insert the word "five."—(Mr. Hugh Lawson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 16, at the end, to add the words—

"(4) The boundary commissions shall also review as soon as may be the boundaries of wards used in local government elections."—(Mr. Hugh Lawson.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 23 to 26 agreed to.

Clause No. 27 agreed to.

Clause No. 28 agreed to.

A Clause (Business premises applications by service voters)(Mr. Secretary Morrison)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Postal voting by service voters at parliamentary elections other than university elections)—(Mr. Secretary Morrison)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 13, to leave out from the word "entitled" to the word "to," in l. 14.—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 43, at the end, to add the words—

"(6) Any person eligible for registration as a parliamentary elector for any constituency in the service register but who has not so registered shall have made available to him at the time of an election a ballot paper giving the names and parties of the candidates for the constituency for which the person is eligible for registration.

Provision shall be made by electoral regulations to be approved by Parliament for the preparation and distribution of such ballot papers within the United Kingdom and at theatres of war overseas for the transmission of ballot papers to the appropriate returning officer in time for the counting of votes and for the sealing of each ballot paper in an envelope bearing particulars of the voter's identity so as to ensure that only those eligible to vote shall do so and that no one shall vote more than once."—(Mr. Hugh Lawson.)

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

Clause added.

Another Clause (Provisions for superseding proxy votes by postal votes)—(Mr. Secretary Morrison)—brought up, and read the first and second time and added.
Another Clause (Postal voting by service voters at university elections)—(Mr. Secretary Morrison)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Consequential provisions)—(Mr. Secretary Morrison)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Extension of persons who may be appointed proxies for service voters at university elections)—(Mr. Secretary Morrison)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Amendment of the Act of 1943 as to civilian proxies at parliamentary elections)—(Mr. Secretary Morrison)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Proxy voting by service voters at local government elections)—(Mr. Secretary Morrison)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Application and interpretation of Part 1)—(Mr. Secretary Morrison)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Power to make supplementary orders as to local elections)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Abolition of plural voting)—(Miss Megan Lloyd George)—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, 
Miss Megan Lloyd George, 51.
Sir. Percy Harris: 123.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn: 123.

Another Clause (Compensation to officers)—(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson)—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 (Business premises applications by service voters and by voters who are war workers abroad)—(Lieutenant-Commander Hutchinson)—brought up, and read the first time. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment to Part I of Second Schedule to Act of 1918)—(Mr. Woodburn)—brought up, and read the first time. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

First Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 36, to leave out from the word "register" to the word "unless," in l. 37.—(Lieutenant-Commander Hutchinson.)

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

Third and Fourth Schedules agreed to.

Fifth Schedule amended, and 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 tomorrow; and be printed.

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 Licensing Second Reading of the Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities Loans Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Wages Councils Committee on the Wages Councils 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 Wages Councils [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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 Urban District of Leek, a copy of which Order was presented on the 16th day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Mathers.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Thursday, 18th January, 1945.

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 Sir Reginald Clarry, Member for the County of Monmouth (Newport 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. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Navy Accounts.

Abstract Account showing the Issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, for the Interest and Management of the Debt, for the Civil List, and all other Issues in the financial year for Services charged directly on the said Fund, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of an Inquiry into the Accident at Bethnal Green Tube Station Shelter on the 3rd day of March 1943.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of combined Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Central and Provincial Governments in India for the year ended the 31st day of March 1943.

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

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th December 1944, entitled the National Health Insurance (Emergency Additional Benefits) Amendment Regulations, 1944.

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

The Road Transport Lighting (Cycles) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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 Six of the clock.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1944.

(Expenditure arising out of the War.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, 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 1945, 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; for relief and rehabilitation in areas brought under the control of any of the United Nations; 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.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—[Mr. Beechman],—put, and agreed to.

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

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

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 the conclusion of the Business exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, as modified for this Session by the Order of the House of the 30th day of November last, it being then half an hour after Seven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 18.]

Friday, 19th January, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Air Services Accounts.
Accounts and Balance Sheets of Trading or Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments in 1943, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st January 1945, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Dalton, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, presented a Bill to increase the limits imposed by the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, upon the liability which may be undertaken by guarantees given under section one of that Act; to provide for the giving of guarantees for the purpose of encouraging the participation of the United Kingdom in external trade transactions; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Adjournment.

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

Supply.

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

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1944. (Expenditure arising out of the War.)

1. 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 1945, 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; for relief and rehabilitation in areas brought under the control of any of the United Nations; 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, 1945. (Expenditure arising out of the War.)

2. Motion made, and Question proposed. 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 1945, for 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; for relief and rehabilitation in areas brought under the control of any of the United Nations; 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: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £999,999,900 be granted for the said Service.—(Sir Richard Acland, Acland.)

The Committee divided.

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Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received 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, and to be printed.

(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 1945, the sum of £1,000,000,000 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 1946, the sum of £1,000,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the 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.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine matters that are the subject of Expenditure from the Consolidated Fund, 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 in the expenditure thereon.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Thirty-two Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir Ernest Bennett, Mr. Bosson, Mr. Burden, Mr. Butler, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Culverwell, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Arthur Duckworth, Sir Ralph Glyn, Sir Arnold Gridley, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Hynd, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Leach, Mr. Lipton, Mr. Neil Maclean, Sir Adam Maitland, Major John Morrison, Mr. Oldfield, Mr. Price, Mr. de Rothschild, Sir George Schuster, Sir John Shaw, Mr. Ellis Smith, Mr. Turton, Miss Ward, Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, Sir Harold Webbe, Mr. Graham White and Mr. Woodburn.
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 Seven be the Quorum of the Committee.

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 Edmondson.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Major Young.)

Adjourning.

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. 19.]

Tuesday, 23rd January, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS:

SECRETARY Sir Archibald Sinclair pro- presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1944, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 11th December 1944, 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 a subsequent Order.

Copy of an Order, dated 28th December 1944, Air Force further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 11th December 1944, 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 a subsequent Order.

Copy of an Order, dated 28th December 1944, Air Force supplementing the Regulations appended to the Order of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, dated 18th October 1932, and included in a Volume entitled Regulations for the Royal Air Force Reserve, including the Reserve of Air Force Officers and Men of the Royal Air Force Reserve, as amended by subsequent Orders.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to India the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy (Legislature) of an Amendment, dated 2nd January 1945, to the Legislative Assembly Electoral Rules.

Copy of Amendments, dated 2nd January 1945, to the Council of State Electoral Rules.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Limitation of Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Limitation of Actions and Bills of Exchange. Orders.

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

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the Local Government Superannuation. Copy of a Scheme made by the Newark Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 11th January 1945, entitled the North Wales Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1945, and
(2) dated 12th January 1945, entitled the Cheshire Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the War Risks Insurance (Re-insurance Agreements). Mutual Insurance Association, Limited, and No. 24.
the Minister of War Transport for Reinsurance of British Ships against King's Enemy Risks.

Copy of an Agreement between the Coasting Vessels Mutual War Risks Association, Limited, and the Minister of War Transport for Reinsurance of British Ships against King's Enemy Risks.

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

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

Copy of 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 1944 to the 5th day of January 1945, 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 1945:—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 1944, the 4th day of July 1944, the 4th day of October 1944 and the 4th day of January 1945.

Accounts prepared pursuant to subsection (2) of Section 27 of the Tithe Act, 1936, of (a) the Sums received into and paid out of the Redemption Annuities Account, (b) the Advances to that Account from the Consolidated Fund, (c) the Redemption Stock issued, and (d) the Redemption Stock Sinking Fund, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Wheat Fund, showing the Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the year ended the 31st day of July 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of the Anglo-Spanish, Anglo-Italian and Anglo-Turkish Clearing Offices for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Tithes (England), the Wheat Fund and Debts Clearing Offices be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., 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, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the Biscuits (Charges) Order, 1944, a copy of which was presented on the 16th day of this instant January, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to it, on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee:—

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 33, page 32, line 7, standing in the name of Mr. Secretary Johnston, the new Clause (Provision as to superannuation rights of contributory employees) and the Amendments to the Fifth Schedule, page 44, line 32, column 3, and the Fifth Schedule, page 45, line 34, column 3, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Morrison.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 33 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Provision as to superannuation rights of contributory employees)—(The Lord Advocate)—was brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Fifth Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments to the Bill.

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

A Clause (Business premises applications on behalf of service voters by spouse or business manager)—(The Lord Advocate)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Single transferable vote)—(Sir Geoffrey Mander):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Reakes; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Cary:

17. 208.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

The Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, that this House do now adjourn—(Major Young):—
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. Mathers.)

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

[No. 20.]

Wednesday, 24th January, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.


Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th January 1945, providing for the Increase of certain Naval Pensions and other Awards.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Documents relating to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, for the period from the 1st day of August to the 14th day of December 1944.

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

Mr. George Hall reported from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant January, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1944 (Expenditure arising out of the War)

1. 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 1945, 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; for relief and rehabilitation in areas brought under the control of any of the United Nations; 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, 1945 (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 1946, 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; for relief and rehabilitation in areas brought under the control of any of the United Nations; 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. Buchan-Hepburn reported from the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means of the 19th day of this instant January, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the Fund, year ending on the 31st day of March 1945, the sum of £1,000,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the Fund, year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, 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 Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five and one thousand nine hundred and forty-six: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Authorities Loans 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:

Resolved, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Major Young.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Thursday, 25th January, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Willink presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Conway and Colwyn Bay Joint Water Supply Board: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th January 1945, adding Regulation 7AB to the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1944.

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 16th January 1945, entitled the Second-hand Photographic Apparatus (Maximum Prices and Records) Order, 1945.

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 into the existing arrangements for the Employment of Crowd Artists in the Film Producing Industry.

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

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

Account of the Operations of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court under the County Court Funds Rules for 1943:—And, an Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same year in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the County Court Funds Investment Account, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Willink, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Robert Hudson and Mr. Butler, presented a Bill to provide for the compensation of persons who have engaged in war service and are not re-employed or suffer loss of employment, reduction of emoluments or deterioration in their conditions of employment by reason of changes affecting the functions of local or public authorities or public utility undertakers or changes in the management of schools: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Report which, in the last Session of Parliament, was made from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Rebuilding) be now taken into consideration.

—(The Prime Minister) —The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Report into consideration.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in their recommendations—(The Prime Minister);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "while accepting the Select Committee's recommendations in respect of the dimensions, general plan and increased amenities of the new House of Commons Chamber, cannot approve the Gothic architectural design submitted by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott until alternative designs have been invited from other leading British architects and considered by the Royal Fine Art Commission"—(Mr. Arthur Duckworth), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pym, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn]; 121.

Tellers for the [Mr. Arthur Duckworth, Mr. Keeling]; 21.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in their recommendations.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill was, Consolidated according to Order, read a second time, and, committted to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Ordered, That Captain Cobb be added to the publications Select Committee on Publications and Debates and Reports.—(Major Young.)

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

Committee of Supply;

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Requisitioned Land and Works Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Requisitioned Second Reading of the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Wages Councils Committee on the Wages Councils 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 Wages Councils [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers (Superannuation) 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 Road Transport Lighting (Cycles) 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 Export Guarantees Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities Loans Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order in Council, dated 23rd November 1944, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 to 1940, adding Regulation 68D to the Defence (General Regulations) 1939, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of December last, be annulled (Major Charles Taylor):—It passed in the Negative.

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

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

Mr. Atkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th January 1945, amending the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir James Grigg presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement on British Military Administration of Occupied Territories in Africa during the years 1941–43. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Johnston, supported by Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Ernest Brown, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Westwood and Mr. Allan Chapman, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to Scotland for the acquisition and development of land for planning purposes; for amending the law relating to town and country planning; for assessing by reference to 1939 prices compensation payable in connection with the acquisition of land for public purposes, and as to the rate of interest thereon; 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.

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 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 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 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 House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1944. 
Class I. 
Vote 4. 
£4,315 (Supplementary), Treasury and Subordinate Departments. 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.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Major Young);

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. James Stuart.)

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

[No. 23.]
Tuesday, 30th January, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of Certificates issued under the House of Commons Disqualification (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1941, which were in force on the 1st day of January 1945, or at any time during the previous year.

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

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 1942 and the 31st day of March 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 January, 1945, entitled—

(1) the Poole Harbour Commissioners (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1945,

(2) the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Commissioners (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1945, and

(3) the Drainage Authorities (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1945.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 24th January, 1945, entitled—

(1) adding Regulation 47AAD to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and

(2) amending Regulations 69a and 70 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.


Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th January 1945, entitled the Diplomatic Privileges (U.N.I.O., the Refugees Committee and E.A.C.) Order in Council, 1945.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Reports by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of his Proceedings in 1944, under the General Pier and Harbour Acts, 1862 to 1915.

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 1944.

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 Particulars of certain Public Records Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Offices of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, which are not considered of sufficient public Value to justify their Preservation in the Public Record Office.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Teachers (Superannuation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Mathers.) Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, 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 Teachers (Superannuation) Bill, proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the definition of contributory service for the purposes of the Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1925, to extend the enactments relating to the superannuation of teachers to certain persons employed in connection with the provision of educational services otherwise than as teachers, and to make other amendments of the law relating to the superannuation of teachers and such persons as aforesaid, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required to be so paid (whether in respect of expenses incurred by the Minister of Education or otherwise) by reason of any provision of the said Act relating to the
service which may be reckoned for the purposes of the enactments relating to the superannuation of teachers, to the persons who may qualify for benefits under those enactments, to the relationship between those enactments and other superannuation schemes, to the repayment of sums paid on account of contributions under those enactments and of interest upon such sums, and to the employment of teachers and other persons after benefits have become payable to them under those enactments;

(b) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Minister of Education in respect of or in lieu of contributions under the said enactments, other than sums paid on account of contributions under the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1898; and

(c) to authorise any charge upon the Consolidated Fund which may be occasioned by any amendment of the said Act of 1898 relating to the definitions of "recorded service" and "certificated teacher."

—(Mr. Butler.)

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 Friday next.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1944.

Class IV.

Vote 1. Ministry of Education.

1. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Education, and of the various establishments connected therewith, including sundry grants in aid, grants in connection with physical training and recreation, and grants to approved associations for youth welfare.

Class VI.

Vote 1. Board of Trade.

2. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and subordinate departments, including a grant in aid.

Vote 16. Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

3. £940 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland, including grants for land improvement, agricultural education and research, agricultural marketing, agricultural credits, expenses in respect of regulation of agricultural wages, certain grants in aid, and remanet subsidy payments.

Class V.

Vote 14. Supplementary Pensions.

4. £1,980,000 (Supplementary), for the payment of Supplementary Pensions to certain persons in receipt of Old Age Pensions or Widows' Pensions.

Class I.

Vote 8. Civil Service Commission.

5. £1,300 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

Class III.


6. £40 (Supplementary), for the charge in connection with land purchase in Northern Ireland, and the expenses of management of Guaranteed Stocks and Bonds issued for the purposes of Irish land purchase.

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.


9. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

Vote 6. Ministry of Health (War Services).

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


11. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Home Security.


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

Vote 15. Ministry of War Transport.

13. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of War Transport.


14. £10 (Supplementary), for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Works.

Vote 17. Department of Agriculture for Scotland (War Services).

15. £10 (Supplementary), for the cost of the war services of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee Supply of Supply of the 26th day of this instant January, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1944.

Class I.

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,215, 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 1945, 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.

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

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

Royal Assent.
A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:
Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.
Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;
Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as followeth:
Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1945.

Adjournment.
And the Question being again proposed, 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.

Adjournment.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Mathers.)
And the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 24.]

Wednesday, 31st January, 1945.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS

Greece (No. 1, 1945).
Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Documents regarding the Situation in Greece (January 1945).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Air Force.
Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Particulars of Grants of Pay and Allowances, &c., sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury during the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, and of one outstanding case sanctioned during the year ended 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.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1939, or under section five of the Overseas Trade Guarantees Act, 1939, being an increase

Mr. Willink, supported by Mr. Robert Hudson, presented a Bill to make provision for the conservation and use of water resources and for water supplies and for purposes connected therewith:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stanley, supported by Mr. Peake and Mr. Emrys-Evans, presented a Bill to increase the amounts payable out of moneys provided by Parliament for the purposes of schemes under section one of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, to extend the period during which certain of such schemes may continue in force, and to amend subsection (2) of the said section as respects the Aden Protectorate:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Export Guarantees Bill was, according Export Guarantees Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Major Young.)
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Dalton, by His Majesty's Command, Export Guarantees (Money).
acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Export Guarantees [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to increase the limits imposed by the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, upon the liability which may be undertaken by guarantees given under section one of that Act, to provide for the giving of guarantees for the purpose of encouraging the participation of the United Kingdom in external trade transactions, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) Any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament, and charged in default of such payment, on the Consolidated Fund, under section six of the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, or under section five of the Overseas Trade Guarantees Act, 1939, being an increase
attributable to the provisions of the said Act, of the present Session—
(a) raising to two hundred million pounds the limit imposed by subsection (1) of section two of the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, upon the aggregate amount of the liability at any time of the Board of Trade in respect of guarantees given under section one of that Act and under the Export Guarantees Act, 1937 and the enactments repealed by the last mentioned Act;
(b) raising to fifteen million pounds and five million pounds respectively the limits so imposed by paragraphs (a) and (b) of the said subsection (1) upon the aggregate amount of such liability in respect of the guarantees therein referred to;
(c) repealing the restriction imposed by subsection (2) of the said section two upon the liability of the Board of Trade in respect of guarantees given in connection with the execution outside the United Kingdom of works and services in connection with the export of home produced goods, and the corresponding restriction imposed, in relation to guarantees under the Overseas Trade Guarantees Act, 1939, by the proviso to subsection (3) of section one of that Act.

(2) The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, and, in default of such payment, the charge on the Consolidated Fund, of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade in connection with guarantees given under the said Act of the present Session for the purpose of encouraging the participation of the United Kingdom, in external trade transactions, subject to the following limits, that is to say—
(a) that the aggregate amount of the liability at any time of the Board of Trade in respect of such guarantees shall not exceed the sum of fifteen million pounds; and
(b) that any such liability shall be included in the aggregate amount of the liability of the Board, to which the limit of two hundred million pounds hereinbefore referred to is applicable.

(3) The application to securities guaranteed under the said Act of the present Session of section three of the Overseas Trade Guarantees Act, 1939 (which enables the Board to acquire securities guaranteed under the principal Act).

(4) The payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Board of Trade in connection with any guarantee given by the Board under the said Act of the principal Act, or under the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, or the Overseas Trade Guarantees Act, 1939, as thereby amended.

—(Mr. Dallan.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

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

[No. 25.]

Thursday, 1st February, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A BILL to fulfil the requirements of Section 3o of the Commercial Gas Act 1940, was Gas Bill presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the conversion and consolidation of the existing capital of the East Grinstead Gas and Water Company; to authorise the Company to raise additional capital; to empower the Company to construct new waterworks and take water from the River Medway and to confer further powers upon the Company with reference to their gas and water undertakings; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to constitute the borough of Ilford Ilford Corporation Bill a county borough and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend the Manchester Ship Canal Manchester Ship Canal Bill, for further powers upon the Manchester Ship Canal Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to fulfil the requirements of Section 18 South Suburban Gas Act 1940, was Suburban Gas Bill presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend the Staffordshire Potteries Staffordshire Potteries Bill, Stipendiary Justice Acts 1839 to 1895, was Stipendiary Justice Bill presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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A Bill to revive the powers of the Wadebridge Rural District Council for the construction of waterworks; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Warrington Corporation Bill.
A Bill to empower the Mayor Aldermen and Boroughs of the Borough of Warrington to construct works for the conveyance of coal to their electricity generating station and to appropriate and use portions of Bank Park for the extension of their Town Hall and Municipal Offices; to make further provision with regard to the water undertaking of the Corporation and the health, local government and improvement of the borough; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Weaver Navigation Bill.
A Bill to empower the Weaver Navigation Trustees to acquire lands; to extend the jurisdiction of the Trustees; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Wisbech Water Bill.
A Bill to confirm the construction by the Wisbech Water Works Company of certain waterworks; to empower the Company to construct new works and to raise additional money; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Remand Homes (London County Council).
Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of a Committee of Inquiry on London County Council Remand Homes.
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,—Copies of Orders,—
(2) dated 24th January 1945, entitled the Perambulators (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1945, and
(3) dated 24th January 1945, entitled the General Hardware and Ironmongery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945.
Ordered, That the said Papers 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 provide for suspending the operation of certain statutes of limitation in relation to proceedings affecting persons who have been enemies or have been detained in enemy territory; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to exclude county and district nursing associations and other similar organisations from the operation of Part II of the Nurses Act, 1943, and Part II of the Nurses (Scotland) Act, 1943; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Limitation (Enemies and War Prisoners) Bill (Lords) was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of this instant February.

The Nurses Bill (Lords) was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of this instant February.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Private Bill Standing Orders. 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.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Wages Business of Councils Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Attlee.)

Captain Crookshank reported from the Comittee on Wages Councils (Money), a Resolution, which was read, as followeth: That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment of wages councils, and otherwise for the regulation of the remuneration and conditions of employment of workers in certain circumstances, 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 out of the Treasury to be incurred by a wages council, a commission of inquiry or a central co-ordinating committee established or set up thereunder.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wages Councils Bill, bill.
(In the Committee.)
Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.
Clause No. 5 (Making of wages council orders).
Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 21, at the beginning, to insert the words "a clear indication of."—(Mr. Summers.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 23, to leave out the words "appearing to him to be," and insert the word "so."—(Mr. Summers.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 41, to leave out the words "in his opinion."—(Mr. Summers.)
Question proposed, That the words "in his opinion" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 6 agreed to.
Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 8 agreed to.
Clause No. 9 (General provisions as to commissions of inquiry).
Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 25, after the word "writing," to insert the words "or orally, if the Commission so decides."—(Mr. Summers.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 10 and 11 agreed to.
Clause No. 12 (Permits to infirm and incapacitated persons).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 22, after the word "If," to insert the words "on receipt of an application by the employer or worker."—(Major York.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Computation of remuneration). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words "and provided that all deductions which are the subject of any local, industrial or trade custom shall be allowed as deductions from remuneration as defined in this section."—(Major York.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Employers not to receive premiums).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 1, after the word "apprenticeship," to insert the words "or other contract."—(Major York.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Records and notices). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 13, to leave out the word "three," and insert the word "two."—(Mr. Summers.)

Question, That the word "three" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, to leave out l. 14.—(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. 16 agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Officers). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 12, to leave out paragraph (e).—(Captain Cobb.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "whom," in l. 14, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 24, to leave out from the word "Act" to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 18 agreed to.


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 24, to leave out the word "five," and insert the word "three."—(Mr. Summers.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 20 to 22 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 23 and 24 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 25 agreed to.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

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Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 35, after the word "work," to insert the words "under similar conditions."—(Mr. Summers.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 18, at the end, to add the words—"(3) Any reference in this Schedule to a trade union shall be construed as including any organisation of employees, not being a registered trade union, recognised by the Minister for the purposes of this Schedule."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 18, at the end, to add the words—"Provided that, in the application of this Schedule to a local authority as regards the employment of administrative, professional, technical or clerical officers, references to recognised terms and conditions shall be construed as references only to terms and conditions settled by a joint industrial council or conciliation board constituted for the purpose of settling terms and conditions for the employment of such officers."—(Mr. Rostron Duckworth.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Fourth Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

Bill 18.

Resolved, That the Biscuits (Charges) Order, 1944, dated 10th December 1944, made by the Treasury under Section 2 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, a copy of which Order was presented on the 16th day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Mahone.)

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

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

[No. 26.]

Friday, 2nd February, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th January 1945, adding Rule 53A to Order LXXIX of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland), 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:

Accounts of the House of Commons Members' Fund for the year ended the 30th day of September, 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Local Authorities Loans Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Miss Wilkinson and Mr. Westwood, presented a Bill to remove the restriction upon the number of His Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary that may be appointed under section fifteen of the County and Borough Police Act, 1856, or section sixty-five of the Police (Scotland) Act, 1857; to provide for the appointment of Chief Inspectors for England and Wales and for Scotland respectively; and to amend the law as to the reports upon matters affecting the police which are to be laid annually before Parliament: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of January last, That the Local Authorities Loans Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Local Authorities Loans [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to prohibit the borrowing of money by local authorities otherwise than from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to amend section five of the Public Works Loans Act, 1941, and to make further provision with respect to local loans and the borrowing powers of local authorities it is expedient:

(a) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for the local loans fund which could be raised by the creation of local loans stock;

(b) to authorise the Treasury to raise money for the purpose of providing sums to be issued as mentioned in the preceding paragraph in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939;

(c) to authorise the repayment into the Exchequer of the sums issued as aforesaid, together with interest thereon;

(d) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph and the application of sums so issued in redemption or repayment of debt or, in so far as they represent interest, in payment of interest otherwise payable out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

—(Mr. Peake.)

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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) 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 Compensation of Displaced Officers (War Service) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 30th day of January last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Teachers (Superannuation) 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 Teachers (Superannuation) [Money];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Major Young);
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. Cary).
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.

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

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

The Staffordshire Potteries Stipendiary Justice Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

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.

A Bill to provide for the transfer to the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Newport (Isle of Wight) of the undertaking of the Newport (Isle of Wight) Gas Company; to confer further powers upon that Corporation with regard to their gas and other undertakings and to make further provision with regard to the health local government improvement and finance of the said borough; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd January 1945, from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd January 1945, entitled the National Galleries of Scotland (Care of Prints and Drawings) Order, 1945.

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

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Local Loans Fund and the Land Fertility Research Fund 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 a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the imposition of estate duties in India and to make provision as to the distribution of the net proceeds thereof; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Hydro-Electric Undertakings (Valuation for Rating) (Scotland) Bill.

Mr. Secretary Johnston, supported by Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Ernest Brown, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Westwood and Mr. Chapman, presented a Bill to amend the law of Scotland with regard to rating of hydro-electric undertakings and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Wages Councils Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wages Councils Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

Teachers (Superannuation) [Money].

Mr. Beechman reported from the Committee on Teachers (Superannuation) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the definition of contributory service for the purposes of the Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1925, to extend the enactments relating to the superannuation of teachers to certain persons employed in connection with the provision of educational services otherwise than as teachers, and to make other amendments of the law relating to the superannuation of teachers and such persons as aforesaid, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required to be so paid (whether in respect of expenses incurred by the Minister of Education or otherwise) by reason of any provision of the said Act relating to the service which may be reckoned for the purposes of the enactments relating to the superannuation of teachers, to the persons who may qualify for benefits under those enactments, to the relationship between those enactments and other superannuation schemes, to the repayment of sums paid on account of contributions under those enactments and of interest upon such sums, and to the employment of teachers and other persons after benefits have become payable to them under those enactments;

(b) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Minister of Education in respect of or in lieu of contributions under the said enactments, other than sums paid on account of contributions under the Elemen-

tary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1898; and
(c) to Authorize any charge upon the Consolidated Fund which may be occasioned by any amendment of the said Act of 1898 relating to the definitions of "recorded service" and "certificated teacher."

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Superannuation of certain persons serving in the educational service otherwise than as teachers). An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, to leave out l. 38 to 43.—(Mr. Silkin.)

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 Nos. 3 and 4 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 6 and 7 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 8 to 11 agreed to.

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 thereto.

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 Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (General duties of licensing planning committees). Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words "and to the wishes of the residents in the area, with reference to each of the premises it is proposed to license after a poll has been taken of those who are entered on the register of electors and who reside within the limits prescribed by the licensing planning committee."—(Mr. Rhys Davies.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas—

Mr. Hugh Lawson: 30.

Mr. Hugh Lawson: 30.

Mr. Gay: 213.

Tellers for the Noes—

Viscountess Astor, 30.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that in carrying out such review as is mentioned in this section the licensing planning committee shall have full regard to the nature of such licensed premises in their area as offer substantial facilities by way of food and accommodation, and in that connection to the requirements of travelling and visitors from overseas."—(Major Charles Taylor.)

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

An Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 6 and 7 agreed to.
Clause No. 8 (Surrender of licences in licensing planning areas and suspension of provisions as to compensation fund).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 42, to leave out subsections (2) and (3), and insert the words—

"(2) Where a licence has been extinguished under the preceding clauses of this Act, it shall be referred for compensation under section twenty-one of the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910 (which relates to the compensation levy), and where any compensation authority applies to the Secretary of State for power to increase the statutory levy or for powers to borrow on the credit of the compensation fund, he shall have power to make regulations to meet such application, notwithstanding any provision in the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910."—(Mr. Hugh Lawson.)

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

Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 9 agreed to.
Clause No. 10 (London).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 17, after the word "Council," to insert the words "who need not be members of the Council."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 40, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) A planning removal formulated under section five of this Act by the licensing planning committee for any such licensing planning area as aforesaid may provide for the removal of a licence from any premises situate within the County of London to any area outside that county to which there has been, or is likely to be, a substantial transfer of population, of industry or of other activities from that county."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 11 (Regulations)
Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"(c) with respect to the disqualification of any person who has directly or indirectly a financial interest in the sale or supply of intoxicants, from serving as a member or as the secretary of the licensing planning committee."—(Mr. Silkin.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
An Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 12 to 15, agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That Squadron-Leader Fleming be added to the Committee on Public Petitions.

—(Sir James Edmondson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Major Young); And 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—(Major Young)

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

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[No. 28.]

Wednesday, 7th February, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S .

THE Commercial Gas Bill was read a second Commercial time, and referred to the Examiners of Gas Bill.

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

The Wadebridge Rural District Council Bill Wadebridge was read a second time, and committed.

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Conway and Colwyn Bay Joint Water Supply Board) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

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 Representation of the People Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to contributory negligence and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford, on the 31st day of October 1944, amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon

the Table.

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the Goods and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Services (Price Control),

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon

the Table.

The India (Estate Duty) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Mr. Northern Ireland Solicitor General, Mr. Peake and Miss Wilkinson, presented a Bill to make miscellaneous amendments in the law applicable to Northern Ireland and, as respects securities issued or guaranteed by the Government of Northern Ireland, to amend certain enactments relating to trustees and savings banks: 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. Attlee.)

Mr. Harcourt Johnstone reported from the Committee on Export Guarantees [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to increase the limits imposed by the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, upon the liability which may be undertaken by guarantees given under section one of that Act, to provide for the giving of guarantees for the purpose of encouraging the participation of the United Kingdom in external trade transactions, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) Any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament, and charged, in default of such payment, on the Consolidated Fund, under section six of the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, or under section five of the Overseas Trade Guarantees Act, 1939, being an increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(a) raising to two hundred million pounds the limit imposed by subsection (1) of section two of the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, upon the aggregate amount of the liability at any time of the Board of Trade in respect of guarantees given under section one of
that Act and under the Export Guarantees Act, 1937 and the enactments repealed by the last mentioned Act; (b) raising to fifteen million pounds and five million pounds respectively the limits so imposed by paragraphs (a) and (b) of the said subsection (1) upon the aggregate amount of such liability in respect of the guarantees therein referred to; (e) repealing the restriction imposed by subsection (2) of the said section two upon the liability of the Board of Trade in respect of guarantees given in connection with the execution outside the United Kingdom of works and services in connection with the export of home produced goods, and the corresponding restriction imposed, in relation to guarantees under the Overseas Trade Guarantees Act, 1939, by the proviso to subsection (3) of section one of that Act. (2) The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, and, in default of such payment, the charge on the Consolidated Fund, of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade in connection with guarantees given under the said Act of the present Session for the purpose of encouraging the participation of the United Kingdom in external trade transactions, subject to the following limits, that is to say— (a) that the aggregate amount of the liability at any time of the Board of Trade in respect of such guarantees shall not exceed the sum of fifteen million pounds; and (b) that any such liability shall be included in the aggregate amount of the liability of the Board, to which the limit of two hundred million pounds hereinbefore referred to is applicable. (3) The application to securities guaranteed under the said Act of the present Session of section three of the Overseas Trade Guarantees Act, 1939 (which enables the Board to acquire securities guaranteed under the principal Act). (4) The payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Board of Trade in connection with any guarantee given by the Board under the said Act of the present Session, or under the Export Guarantees Act, 1930, or the Overseas Trade Guarantees Act, 1939, as thereby amended. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

Clause No. 1 (Amendments as to limits on the amount of guarantees under s. 1 of 2 & 3 Geo. 6, c. 5). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the word "two," and insert the word "one."—(Sir Herbert Williams.) Question proposed, That the word "two" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 5 agreed to.

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 Mr. Speaker's within the meaning of the Parliament Certificate.

Act, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.)

Mr. Cary reported from the Committee on Local Authorities Loans [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to prohibit the borrowing of money by local authorities otherwise than from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to amend section five of the Public Works Loans Act, 1941, and to make further provision with respect to local loans and the borrowing powers of local authorities, it is expedient (a) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for the local loans fund which could be raised by the creation of local loans stock; (b) to authorise the Treasury to raise money for the purpose of providing sums to be issued as mentioned in the preceding paragraph in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939; (c) to authorise the repayment into the Exchequer of the sums issued as aforesaid, together with interest thereon; (d) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph and the application of sums so issued in redemption or repayment of debt or, in so far as they represent interest, in payment of interest otherwise payable out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Authorities Loans Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Prohibition of borrowing otherwise than from Public Works Loan Commissioners). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, at the beginning, to insert the words "During the period of five years from the date on which this Act shall have come into operation."—(Sir John Mellor.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Sir John Mellor moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, of Rais.)
declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words "except in cases where borrowing could be effected on more advantageous terms than those offered by the Commissioners."—(Mr. Colegate.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 to 6 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 7 to 10 agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment of enactments relating to minimum rate of interest)—(Mr. Peake)—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 in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Police (His Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, 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 Police (His Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary) [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to remove the restriction upon the number of His Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary that may be appointed under section fifteen of the County and Borough Police Act, 1856, or section sixty-five of the Police (Scotland) Act, 1857 ; to provide for the appointment of Chief Inspectors for England and Wales and for Scotland, respectively, and to amend the law as to the reports upon matters affecting the police which are to be laid annually before Parliament, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any additional expenditure incurred by reason of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session removing the said restrictions and providing for the appointment of such Chief Inspectors.—(Mr. Secretary Morrison.) Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved Road Transport Lighting (Cycles) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Cesser of exemption, in case of pedal cycles, from obligation to carry rear lamps). Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Sir Herbert Williams), 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.

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

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

[No. 30.]

Friday, 9th February, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

The Compensation of Displaced Officers Compensation (War Service) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Willink, by His Majesty's Command, Compensation acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Compensation of Displaced Officers (War Service) [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole
House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the compensation of persons who have been engaged in war service and are not re-employed or suffer loss of employment, reduction of emoluments or deterioration in their conditions of employment by reason of changes affecting the functions of local or public authorities or public utility undertakers or changes in the management of schools, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase ascribable to the provisions of the said Act in any grant payable by any Minister of the Crown.—(Mr. Willink.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

The Nurses Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The Limitation (Enemies and War Prisoners) Bill [Lords] 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, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Captain Waterhouse reported from the Committee of Supply of the 30th day of January last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Class VI.

Vote 1. Board of Trade.

2. 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 1945, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland, and subordinate departments, including a grant in aid.

Vote 16. Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £940, 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 1945, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland, including grants for land improvement, agricultural education and research, agricultural marketing, agricultural credits, expenses in respect of regulation of agricultural wages, certain grants in aid, and remanet subsidy payments.

Class V.

Vote 14. Supplementary Pensions.

4. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding Supplementary Vote 6.

Pensions to certain persons in receipt of Old Age Pensions or Widows' Pensions.

Class I.

Vote 8. Civil Service Commission.

5. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,300, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1945, for the salaries and expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

Class III.


6. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £40, 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 1945, in connection with land purchase in Northern Ireland, and the expenses of management of Guaranteed Stocks and Bonds issued for the purposes of Irish land purchase.

Class X.

Vote 1. Ministry of Education and Fisheries.

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 1945, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland, and subordinate departments, including a grant in aid.

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 1945, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Aircraft Production.


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 1945, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

Vote 6. Ministry of Health (War Services).

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 1945, for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Health.
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 1945, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Home Security.

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 1945, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Supply, including the expenses of the Royal Ordnance Factories.

Vote 15. Ministry of War Transport.
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 1945, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of War Transport.

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 1945, for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Works.

Vote 17. Department of Agriculture for Scotland (War Services).
15. 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 1945, for the cost of the war services of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn:—

(Mr. Drewe.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes before One of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 31.]

Tuesday, 13th February, 1945.

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 election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Lanark (Motherwell Division) in the room of James Walker, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The Newport (Isle of Wight) Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ilford Second Reading of the Ilford Corporation Bill: Corporation Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Services by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted for Air services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1945.

Estimates for the Air Services for the financial year 1945. No. 34.

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

Mr. Peake presented by His Majesty's Civil Command,—Estimate of further Sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1945, for Civil and Revenue Departments.

Estimates for the Civil and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, with a Memorandum.

Estimate showing the several Civil Services Civil and for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Service, Stationery and Privileges). (Amendment) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to India (Civil the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Service, &c.) of a Draft of an Order entitled the Government of India (Family Pension Funds) (Amendment) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Willink presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy Local Government, &c. Services of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—

(1) Heywood Borough Council.
(2) Rowley Regis Borough Council.

Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1945, Poor Law entitled the Public Assistance (Amendment) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Education Regulations, dated 9th February 1945, entitled the Central Advisory Councils for Education Regulations, 1945.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Catering Command,—Report of the Catering Wages Commission on the Recommendation for the Establishment of a Wages Board for licensed residential Establishments and licensed Restaurants.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copies of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Annual Reports of the Central Electricity Board (for 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1943 respectively).

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—
Account showing the Nature and Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of December 1944 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, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Major Lloyd George, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Beaver, Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd and Mr. Tom Swift, Bill to make further provision with respect to the appointment and functions of the Minister of Fuel and Power, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the proceedings on Government Business 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 Six of the clock.—(Mr. Attlee.)

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill;

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

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

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:—Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Requisitioned Land and War Works [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

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[No. 32.]

Wednesday, 14th February, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account up to the 31st day of December 1944, 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.

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

Sir William Jowitt, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Butler and Mr. Ernest Brown, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of family allowances : And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next ; and to be printed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Peake, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to income tax in certain respects : 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. Attlee.)

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill was, according to order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Secretary Johnston, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Town and Country Planning (Scotland) [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House :—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to Scotland for the acquisition and development of land for planning purposes, for amending the law relating to town and country planning, and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorise the following payments, that is to say—

A. (1) Payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of grants to local planning authorities in respect of loan charges on moneys borrowed by them for defraying, or contributing towards, the cost of acquiring or clearing—

(a) areas of extensive war damage, of amounts equal to such loan charges for two years, together with a proportion of the charges for further years up to eight, or in certain cases thirteen, being a proportion fixed by reference to the extent to which land in an area of extensive war damage remains by reason of war damage incapable of being brought into use for a substantial purpose and so as to provide a substantial return ;

(b) land to be used for the re-location of population or industry from areas of extensive war damage or to be used as an open space or otherwise in an undeveloped state in substitution for land in such areas which is so used, of amounts equal to such loan charges for two years, together with half the charges for a further two years ;

(c) land for highway purposes relating to such areas or to land to be used as aforesaid, of amounts equal to such loan charges for two years.

(2) Payment into the Exchequer of any sums received in pursuance of the said Act of the present Session in repayment of any such grants.

For the purposes of this paragraph—

(i) local planning authorities shall be deemed to have incurred loan charges on moneys belonging to them which are applied by them for defraying, or contributing towards, such costs as aforesaid as if the moneys had been borrowed on terms to be fixed by the Treasury ;

(ii) land appropriated by local planning authorities for any purpose of the said Act of the present Session shall be treated as having been acquired for that purpose out of moneys belonging to them at a cost determined as mentioned in the said Act ;

(iii) payments by local planning authorities in respect of restrictions on the development or use of land acquired by them subject to the restrictions shall be treated as a part of the cost of acquiring the land defrayed out of moneys belonging to them.

B. (1) Payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required to be paid into the Road Fund for the purpose of meeting the cost incurred by the Minister for War Transport of acquiring land for purposes relating to trunk roads as mentioned in the said Act of the present Session.

(2) Payment into the Exchequer of any contributions received by the said Minister from local planning authorities in respect of such cost.

C. Payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses incurred by any Minister under the said Act of the present Session in paying compensation to persons (including statutory undertakers) in respect of the extinguishment or vesting of or interference with rights or servitudes over land or apparatus on land, in complying
with conditions imposed in connection with the use of churches or burial grounds, or in making payments to persons displaced in the carrying out of redevelopment.

D. Payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under section three of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1938, which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(i) extending contributions under the said Act of 1938 to housing accommodation rendered necessary by displacements, occurring in the carrying out of redevelopment of land acquired under the said Act of the present Session, from houses unfit for human habitation;

(ii) providing that any area of land acquired under the said Act of the present Session and used for the purpose of providing housing accommodation under the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1925 to 1944, as to which the Secretary of State is satisfied that the conditions specified in subsection (1) of section thirteen of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935, exist therein, shall for the purposes of proviso (a) to subsection (2) of section one of the said Act of 1938 be deemed to be a redevelopment area;

(iii) providing that if the Secretary of State is satisfied that any area of land acquired as aforesaid could have been acquired under Part I of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1930, as being land in, or adjoining, or surrounded by, a clearance area, and that the land includes dwelling houses or other premises which are neither unfit for human habitation nor injurious nor dangerous to health, the dwelling houses and other premises shall for the purposes of the said proviso be deemed to have been purchased under the said Part I as being such dwelling houses or other premises as are mentioned in paragraph (ii) of the said proviso.

E. Payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of remuneration and allowances to members of any tribunal constituted under the said Act of the present Session for the assessment of compensation under that Act to statutory undertakers.

—(Mr. Secretary Johnston.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hydro-Electric Undertakings (Valuation for Rating) (Scotland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—

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

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved Nurses Bill itself into a Committee on the Nurses Bill [Lords].

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 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.

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 November 1944, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1944, adding Regulation 60897a to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of December last, be annulled—(Mr. Eltston):

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Beechman.)

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

[No. 33.]

Thursday, 15th February, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the Pensions directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Injury Warrants).

Copy of a Warrant, dated 3rd February 1945, entitled the Injury Warrant, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty's
Command,—Estimate of the further Sum
required to be voted for the Navy for the year
ending on the 31st day of March 1945.

Estimates for the Navy for the financial
year 1945.
Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred
to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant
to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copies of Regulations,—
(1) dated 8th February 1945, entitled the
National Fire Service (Preservation of
Pensions) (Police Firemen) Regulations,
1945, and
(2) dated 9th February 1945, entitled the
National Fire Service (Alteration of Fire
Areas) Regulations, 1945.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, by His
Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum
explanatory of the North of Scotland Hydro-
Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 1.

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Johnston also presented,
pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parlia-
ment,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th February
1945, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-
Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 1
Confirmation Order, 1945.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

Local Government Superannuation.

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a
Scheme made by the Hants 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.

India (Civil Service, &c.)

The Order made upon the 12th day of this
instant February, That the Paper relative to
India (Civil Service, &c.) do lie upon the
Table, was read and discharged.
Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That this House welcomes the
intention of the Government to preserve the
existing framework of the county and county
borough system of local government and the
proposals for the establishment of a Local
Government Boundary Commission outlined
in the White Paper presented to Parliament
—(Mr. Willink)—

Local Government (Recon-
struction).

A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral
Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman
Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorised by virtue of His
Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal
Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both
Houses, desire the immediate attendance of
this Honourable House in the House of Peers,
to hear the Commission read.

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

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at
the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of
His Majesty's Commission, had been at the
House of Peers, where a Commission under the
Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and
notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts
therein mentioned; and that the Lords,
thereby authorised, had declared the Royal
Assent to the said Acts, as follow:
1. Representation of the People Act, 1945.

And the Question being put;
Resolved, That this House welcomes the
Local Government (Reconstruction).

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. Pym)—

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.

MEMORANDUM.

Notice was given this day that Mr. Speaker
being of opinion that the Hydro-Electric Under-
takings (Valuation for Rating) (Scotland) Bill
and the Town and Country Planning (Scotland)
Bill were Bills relating exclusively to Scotland,
the Bills would be considered by the Standing
Committee on Scottish Bills.

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Peake presented, pursuant to the Purchase Tax
directions of an Act of Parliament,—
(Charges).

Copy of an Order, dated 14th February 1945,
etitled the Purchase Tax (Charges) (No. 1)
Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 14th February 1945, Purchase Tax
etitled the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 1)
Order, 1945.
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 Regulations, dated 16th February 1945, entitled the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1945.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 158 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report of action taken under the said Regulation during January 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order entitled the Government of India (Family Pension Funds) (Amendment) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland 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 1945.

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

Mr. Attlee presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Twenty-ninth 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 1943 to the 30th day of September 1944, and of the Twenty-ninth Annual Report of their Advisory Council.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 89, relating to Private Business,—Report by him on the Warrington Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

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

Accounts of the 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 1943, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the National Debt Commissioners in respect of the National Health Insurance Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of a Return to the Lord Chancellor, showing the Number of Visits made and the Number of Patients seen by several Commissioners of the Board of Control during the six months ended the 30th day of June 1944.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Major Lloyd George, Mr. Attorney General, and Miss Wilkinson, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Welsh Church Act, 1944, relating to burial grounds and for purposes connected therewith: 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.

Mr. Drewes reported from the Committee on Colonial Development and Welfare [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the amounts payable out of moneys provided by Parliament for the purposes of schemes under section one of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, and to extend the period during which certain of such schemes may continue in force, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of such moneys which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session, substituting, for the limits imposed by the said Act of 1940 on sums to be paid out of such moneys for the purposes of schemes, the following limits, namely,—

(a) as respects any such schemes, seventeen million five hundred thousand pounds in any financial year, and one hundred and twenty million pounds in each of ten years ending with the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six;

(b) as respects schemes for promoting research or inquiry, one million pounds in any financial year, and extending to the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, the time during which such schemes, other than schemes for promoting research or inquiry, may continue in force.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

A Clause (Provision for reasonable facilities for natives)—(Sir Wavell Wakefield)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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 India (Estate Duty) 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, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 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, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Colonel Llewellin, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make miscellaneous amendments in the law applicable to Northern Ireland and, as respects securities issued or guaranteed by the Government of Northern Ireland, to amend certain enactments relating to trustees and savings banks, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment into the Exchequer of all fees and percentages under the Lunacy Regulations (Ireland) Act, 1871; and

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

(i) to the registrar in lunacy in Northern Ireland and to the officers and clerks employed in the lunacy office in Northern Ireland, of such salaries and travelling and other allowances as the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland may, with the concurrence of the Treasury, determine;

(ii) to the medical visitors, the legal visitors and the solicitor for minors and persons of unsound mind respectively referred to in the said Act of 1871, of such remuneration and travelling and other allowances upon such conditions as may from time to time be specified by general order made, with the concurrence of the Treasury, by the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, and of costs and expenses incurred by any of them in such proceedings instituted pursuant to the provisions of the said Act of 1871 and on such scale as may be so specified;

(iii) of such other expenses incident to the lunacy office in Northern Ireland as the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland may, with the concurrence of the Treasury, direct to be defrayed out of such moneys.

—(Miss Wilkinson.)

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.

Mr. Beechman reported from the Committee on Police (His Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to remove the restriction upon the number of His Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary that may be appointed under section fifteen of the County and Borough Police Act, 1856, or section sixty-five of the Police (Scotland) Act, 1857, to provide for the appointment of Chief Inspectors for England and Wales and for Scotland, respectively, and to amend the law as to the reports upon matters affecting the police which are to be laid annually before Parliament, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any additional expenditure incurred by reason of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session removing the said restrictions and providing for the appointment of such Chief Inspectors.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Police (His Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee on Compensation of Displaced Officers (War Service) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the compensation of persons who have been engaged in war service and are not re-employed or suffer loss of employment, reduction of emoluments or deterioration in their conditions of employment by reason of changes affecting the functions of local or public authorities or public utility undertakers or changes in the management of schools, it is expedient to authorise the payment of any increase ascribable to the provisions of the said Act in any grant payable by any Minister of the Crown.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Compensation of Displaced Officers (War Service) Bill.
Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Interim Report of a Special Committee of the Advisory Council on Education in Scotland, concerning Technical Education.

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 14th February 1945, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1945.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to Coal Mines, the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Statement showing the Total Amounts of the certified Valuations in the East Midland Region in respect of principal and subsidiary Coal Hereditaments, respectively.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Ministry Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Conway and Colwyn Bay Joint Water Supply Board) Bill ; and that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed ; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., 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, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Government of India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1945, a copy of which was presented on the 13th day of this instant February, and the Government of India (Family Pension Funds) (Amendment) Order, 1945, a copy of which was presented on the 16th day of this instant February, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to them, on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Local Authorities Loans Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. I, l. 8, by inserting, at the end
thereof, the words "except on mortgage for the purpose of repaying maturing mortgage loans."—(Mr. Colegate.)

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 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.

Mr. Ede reported from the Committee on the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make miscellaneous amendments in the law applicable to Northern Ireland and, as respects securities issued or guaranteed by the Government of Northern Ireland, to amend certain enactments relating to trustees and savings banks, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment into the Exchequer of all fees and percentages under the Lunacy Regulations (Ireland) Act, 1871; and

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

(i) to the registrar in lunacy in Northern Ireland and to the officers and clerks employed in the lunacy office in Northern Ireland, of such salaries and travelling and other allowances as the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland may, with the concurrence of the Treasury, determine;

(ii) to the medical visitors, the legal visitors and the solicitor for minors and persons of unsound mind respectively referred to in the said Act of 1871, of such remuneration and travelling and other allowances upon such conditions as may from time to time be specified by general order made, with the concurrence of the Treasury, by the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, and of costs and expenses incurred by any of them in such proceedings instituted pursuant to the provisions of the said Act of 1871 and on such scale as may be so specified;

(iii) of such other expenses incident to the lunacy office in Northern Ireland as the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland may, with the concurrence of the Treasury, direct to be defrayed out of such moneys.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money] Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 12 agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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

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

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. Drewe):

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.

[No. 36.]

Wednesday, 21st February, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Ilford Water Supply, Joint Water Supply Board Bill:

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Ministry take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Conway and Colwyn Bay Joint Water Supply Board) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the Trustee Savings Banks and Friendly Societies directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of all Sums received from and paid to Trustees during the year ended the 20th day of November 1944, 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 1944, and the Nature and Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners to meet those Liabilities at that date.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had appointed the following Members to serve on Standing Committee A: Sir Alfred Beit, Mr. Bellenger, Mr. Berry, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Bower, Commander Bower, Mr. Bosies, Mr. Brooke, Captain Bullock, Mr. Burke, Mr. Butcher, Captain Caithness, Mr. Cawdary, Mr. Ness Edwards, Mr. Walter Edwards, Colonel Sir Arthur Evans, Captain Gammans, Lady Megan Lloyd George, Wing-Commander Grant-Ferris, Mr. Granville, Mr. Gretton, Major Sir Derrick Gunston, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Mr. Hogg, Sir Austin Hudson, Mr. Hynd, Wing-Commander James, Mr. Jeune, Lieutenant-Commander Joynton-Hicks, Mr. Hamilton Kerr, Lieutenant-Colonel Lancaster, Mr. Linstead, Major Sir Jocelyn Lucas, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Mr. Molson, Mr. Murray, Mr. Ellis Smith, Dr. Summerskill and Mr. Evelyn Walkden.

Sir Charles MacAndrew further reported from the Committee, That under paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland and committed to a Standing Committee consists of the following Members, being Members representing Scottish Constituencies: The Lord Advocate, Brigadier-General Sir William Alexander, Major Anstruther Gray, Mr. Barr, Mr. Francis Beattie, Mr. Boothby, Mr. Ernest Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Chapman, Sir Samuel Chapman, Mr. Davidson, Lord Dunglass, Lieutenant-Colonel Elliott, Mr. Erskine-Bill, Sir Henry Fildes, Sir Edmund Findlay, Mr. Foot, Mr. Fraser, Commander Gallbrath, Mr. Gallichan, Mr. Garro-Jones, Mrs. Hardie, Mr. Thomas Henderson, Miss Horsburgh, Mr. Hubbard, Sir Thomas Hunter, Lieutenant-Colonel Hutchinson, Mr. Secretary Johnston, Sir John Graham Kerr, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Lindsay, Major Lloyd, Colonel Sir Charles MacAndrew, Major McCallum, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Sir Murdoch MacDonald, Captain McEwen, Mr. McGovern, Mr. McKie, Mr. McKinlay, Mr. John MacIver, Mr. Joseph Maclay, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mr. McNeil, Mr. Mathers, Mr. Maxton, Sir Thomas Moore, Dr. George Morrison, Major Neven-Spence, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Captain Ramsay, Lord William Scott, Captain Shaw, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Sloan, Sir Robert Smith, Mr. Snadden, Solicitor General, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Secretary Stanley reported from the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows;—

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to Scotland for the acquisition and development of land for planning purposes, for amending the law relating to town and country planning; and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorise the following payments, that is to say—

A. (i) Payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of grants to local planning authorities in respect of loan charges on moneys borrowed by them for defraying or contributing towards, the cost of acquiring or clearing—

(a) areas of extensive war damage, of amounts equal to such loan charges for two years, together with a proportion of the charges for further years up to eight years in certain cases, being a proportion fixed by...
reference to the extent to which land in an area of extensive war damage remains by reason of war damage incapable of being brought into use for a substantial purpose and so as to provide a substantial return;  
(b) land to be used for the re-location of population or industry from areas of extensive war damage or to be used as an open space or otherwise in an undeveloped state in substitution for land in such areas which is so used, of amounts equal to such loan charges for two years, together with half the charges for a further two years;  
(c) land for highway purposes relating to such areas or to land to be used as aforesaid, of amounts equal to such loan charges for two years.  
(a) Payment into the Exchequer of any sums received in pursuance of the said Act of the present Session in repayment of any such grants.  
For the purposes of this paragraph—  
(i) local planning authorities shall be deemed to have incurred loan charges on moneys belonging to them which are applied by them for defraying, or contributing towards, such cost as aforesaid as if the moneys had been borrowed on terms to be fixed by the Treasury;  
(ii) land appropriated by local planning authorities for any purpose of the said Act of the present Session shall be treated as having been acquired for that purpose out of moneys belonging to them at a cost determined as mentioned in the said Act;  
(iii) payments by local planning authorities in respect of restrictions on the development or use of land acquired by them subject to the restrictions shall be treated as a part of the cost of acquiring the land defrayed out of moneys belonging to them.  
B. (1) Payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required to be paid into the Road Fund for the purpose of meeting the cost incurred by the Minister of War Transport of acquiring land for purposes relating to trunk roads as mentioned in the said Act of the present Session.  
(2) Payment into the Exchequer of any contributions received by the said Minister from local planning authorities in respect of such cost.  
C. Payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses incurred by any Minister under the said Act of the present Session in paying compensation to persons (including statutory undertakers) in respect of the extinguishment or vesting of or interference with rights or servitudes over land or apparatus on land, in complying with conditions imposed in connection with the use of churches or burial grounds, or in making payments to persons displaced in the carrying out of redevelopment.  
D. Payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under section three of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1938, which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session—  
(i) extending contributions under the said Act of 1938 to housing accommodation rendered necessary by displacements, occurring in the carrying out of redevelopment of land acquired under the said Act of the present Session, from houses unfit for human habitation;  
(ii) providing that any area of land acquired under the said Act of the present Session and used for the purpose of providing housing accommodation under the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1925 to 1944, as to which the Secretary of State is satisfied that the conditions specified in subsection (1) of section thirteen of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935, exist therein, shall for the purposes of proviso (a) to subsection (2) of section one of the said Act of 1938 be deemed to be a redevelopment area;  
(iii) providing that if the Secretary of State is satisfied that any area of land acquired as aforesaid could have been acquired under Part I of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1930, as being land in, or adjoining, or surrounded by, a clearance area, and that the land includes dwelling houses or other premises which are neither unfit for human habitation nor injurious nor dangerous to health, the dwelling houses and other premises shall for the purposes of the said proviso be deemed to have been purchased under the said Part I as being such dwelling houses or other premises as are mentioned in paragraph (ii) of the said proviso.  
E. Payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of remuneration and allowances to members of any tribunal constituted under the said Act of the present Session for the assessment of compensation under that Act to statutory undertakers.  
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

Mr. Speaker having, in pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), made appointments of Members of the Chairmen’s Panel to be Chairmen of a Standing Committee, the same are here entered; and are as follow:
In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Mr. Watson Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Hydro-Electric Undertakings (Valuation for Rating) (Scotland) Bill.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Charles MacAndrew Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill.

D. Clifton Brown, Speaker.

21st February, 1945.

[No. 37.]

Thursday, 22nd February, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Conway and Colwyn Bay Joint Water Supply Board) Bill was, according to Order, read a third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Peake presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Documents supplementary to the Final Act of the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, U.S.A., from the 1st to the 22nd day of July 1944.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Crimea Conference, dated the 11th day of February 1945.

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

Secretaries Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1945, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 12th December 1944, 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. Butler, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 1st February 1945, entitled the Training Colleges (Capital Grants) Provisional Regulations, 1945.

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

Sir Adam Maitland reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure, that they had made Progress in the matters to them reported, 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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Chairmen's Panel, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That where, on two successive sittings of a Standing Committee called for the consideration of a particular Bill, the Committee has to be adjourned by reason of the absence of a Quorum within the first twenty minutes of the time for which the said Committee was summoned, the Chairman do instruct the Clerk to place the particular Bill at the bottom of the list of Bills then waiting consideration of that Committee and that the Committee shall forthwith be convened to consider the other Bill or Bills then waiting.

2. That it is the undoubted and established right of the Chairman who is appointed to a Standing Committee for the consideration of a particular Bill to name the day and hour on which the consideration of the Bill shall begin.

3. That if, during the consideration of a Bill before one of the Standing Committees, it shall appear that the business would be expedited by postponing the further consideration of the Bill in hand until the Bill next on the list has been reported, and if the Member in charge of the Bill rises and makes a Motion to that effect, the Chairman will be in order in proposing such a Question.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be examined, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Bill [Lords], was according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Road Transport Lighting (Cycles) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Cesser of exemption in case of pedal cycles, from obligation to carry rear lamps).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the aye Side—Mr. Pym, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn ; —Mr. Evelyn Wafulden : 42.

Tellers for the no Side—Mr. Herbert Williams, Mr. Yeas : —Mr. Buchan-Hepburn ; —Mr. Pym ; 4.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 4 agreed to.

A Clause (Relaxation when machine is at rest)—(Mr. Hogg) brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and...
The House, according to Order proceeded to take into consideration the Licensing (Temporary Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Definition of "local planning authority")—(Mr. Henry Strauss)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 20, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "from among persons prominent in the public life of the area."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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

Then 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Proposals for the Revision of the Constitution of Nigeria.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of the Report of a Committee appointed to inquire into (1) the Effect of the Scottish Rating System on the Provision of Houses, and (2) the Liability for Rates in respect of empty or unused Premises.

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

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Water Bill to Standing Committee A.

Mr. Speaker having, in pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), made an appointment of a Member of the Chairmen's Panel to be Chairman of a Standing Committee, the same is here entered; and is as followeth:

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

D. Clifton Brown,
Speaker.

22nd February, 1945.
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 Thursday next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Family Pensions Funds) (Amendment) Order, 1945, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)

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.

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

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.

MEMORANDUM.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A.

[No. 39.]

Tuesday, 27th February, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Clerk, at the Table, informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting—Whereupon Major Milner, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

A Petition of the Trustees of the British Museum being offered to be presented, Mr. Ernest Brown, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up, and read, setting forth, That the only Funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum and of the British Museum (Natural History) consist of Thirty thousand pounds two and a half per cent. Consolidated Annuities, the annual proceeds whereby amount to Seven hundred and fifty pounds; of a bequest of the eighth Earl of Bridgewater, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Seventy-two pounds; of a bequest of the late Henry Louis Florence, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Seventy-six pounds; of a bequest of the late Hon. Nathaniel Charles Rothschild, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four hundred and thirty-two pounds; of a bequest of the late Rose Vallentin, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four hundred and ten pounds; of one-eighth of the proceeds of the James Mew Will Trust, amounting to about One hundred and forty-four pounds; and of a bequest of the late Mrs. Marjory Kathleen Coldwell, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Twenty-four pounds; that the Establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above mentioned sums, and the Trust cannot with benefit to the Public be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the Trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March, 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 17th January 1945, authorising the temporary Application of the Excesses of the Sums realised on account of Appropriations in Aid on certain Air Votes for the year 1943 towards making good the Deficit in Receipts under Vote 1 for the same year.

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

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 22nd February 1945,—

(1) amending Regulations 7 and 8 and revoking Regulation 37 of the Defence (General) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939, and

(2) amending the Third Schedule to the Defence (General) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd February 1945, adding Regulation 47BAA to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.
Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th February 1945, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Good Friday and St. Patrick's Day) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd February 1945, amending Regulation 13 of the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd February 1945, approving an Admiralty Memorial relating to the Grant of extra duty Pay to certain Officers and Ranks of the Royal Marines.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 9th February 1945, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945, and
(2) dated 16th February 1945, entitled the Aluminium Hollow-ware (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th February 1945, entitled the State Scholarships Amending Regulations No. 3, 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 6th February 1945, entitled the Welsh Special Grant Regulations, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 his Proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., That they had made further progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the Committee. And the Report was brought up, and read, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Purchase Tax (Charges) (No. 1) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 140), the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 1) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 147), and the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1945, copies of which were presented on the 16th day of this instant February, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to them, on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment of the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting—Whereupon Major Milner, 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 Ilford Corporation Bill; pro

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statements of 1945-Policy by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in respect of the Water Bill) :

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., That this House approves the declaration of joint policy agreed to by the three great Powers at the Crimea Conference and, in particular, welcomes their determination to maintain unity of action not only in achieving the final defeat of the common enemy but, thereafter, in peace as in war—(The Prime Minister)—And a Debate arising thereupon ;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment of the Motion being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Major Young);

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

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of this instant February, That this House approves the declaration of joint policy agreed to by the three great Powers at the Crimea Conference and, in particular, welcomes their determination to maintain unity of action not only in achieving the final defeat of the common enemy but, thereafter, in peace as in war ;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "but, remembering that Great Britain took up arms in a war of which the immediate cause was the defence of Poland against German aggression and in which the overriding motive was the prevention of the domination by a strong nation of its weaker neighbours, regrets the decision to transfer to another power the territory of an ally contrary to treaty and to Article 2 of the Atlantic Charter and furthermore regrets the failure to ensure to those nations which have been liberated from German oppression the full right to choose their own government free from the influence of any other power"—(Mr. Petherick)

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. Keeling ;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Stuart.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And it being after Six of the clock, the House divided.

And the Main 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. Petherick,

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Stuart.

Mr. Petherick reported from the Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill and the Hydro-Electric Undertakings (Valuation for Rating) (Scotland) Bill) : Mr. Pickthorn, Mrs. Storey and Mrs. Tate ; and had appointed in substitution Sir Arnold Gridley, Mr. Craik Henderson and Major York.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes before Seven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That this House approves the declaration of joint policy agreed to by the three great Powers at the Crimea Conference and, in particular, welcomes their determination to maintain unity of action not only in achieving the final defeat of the common enemy but, thereafter, in peace as in war;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Whitley; 433
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stephen; 0

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House approves the declaration of joint policy agreed to by the three great Powers at the Crimea Conference and, in particular, welcomes their determination to maintain unity of action not only in achieving the final defeat of the common enemy but, thereafter, in peace as in war.

The House approved the declaration of joint policy agreed to by the three great Powers at the Crimea Conference and, in particular, welcomes their determination to maintain unity of action not only in achieving the final defeat of the common enemy but, thereafter, in peace as in war.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

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

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Friday, 2nd March, 1945.

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 Major Milner, 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 made the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of the Right Honourable Harcourt Johnstone, Member for the Borough of Middlesborough (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.

Order, That the Return presented upon the 30th day of January last, relative to Members (Appointment to Offices or Places of Profit), be printed.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 13th February 1945, authorising the temporary Application of the Excesses of the Sums realised on account of Appropriations in Aid on certain Navy Votes for the year 1943 towards making good the Deficit in Receipts under other Votes for the same year.

Mr. Peake also presented, pursuant to the Trustee Savings Banks.

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the National direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th February 1945, entitled the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1945.

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

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

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

[(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1945.

Vote on Account.

[241,926,000, 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).]

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.

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

(Major Young.)

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

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Tuesday, 6th March, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 23rd day of February last relative to India (Civil Service, &c.) 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:

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1945.
I have received your Address praying that the Government of India (Family Pensions Funds) (Amendment) Order, 1945, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament. I will comply with your request.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 23rd day of February last relative to India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) 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, 1945, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament. I will comply with your request.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received a Message from the Chairman of the Council of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Chairman of the Council of Nationalities, a translation of which he read to the House, as followeth:—

February 1, 1945.

To the Speaker of the House of Commons, COLONEL D. CLIFTON BROWN,

We extend cordial greetings to you and, through you, to the Members of the House of Commons.

We fully share the conviction to which you have given expression that the further and comprehensive development of the Anglo-Soviet Alliance, by strengthening friendly relations and mutual understanding between our peoples, constitutes a firm basis for the successful achievement of the high aims which our countries have set themselves in this war—the utter defeat of Germany and the safeguarding of a stable and lasting international peace for the future.

We hope that the visit of Members of the Commons in the British Parliamentary Delegation, which afforded them an opportunity to become closely acquainted with the feelings and aspirations of the peoples and Government of the Soviet Union at the decisive stage of our common struggle against the German aggressor, will contribute towards the strengthening of friendly relations between our peoples and the achieving of still closer co-operation between them, both during and after the war.'

N. ANDREEV,
Chairman of the Council of the Union.

N. SEVERNIK,
Chairman of the Council of Nationalities.

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

Manchester Ship Canal Bill
Wisbech Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st February, 1945, entitled the Laundry (Maximum Charges) Order, 1945, Vol. 200.

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, an Order, dated 24th February, 1945, entitled the Wages Board (Licensed Residential Establishment and Licensed Restaurant) Order, 1945.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement showing the Total Amounts of the certified Valuations in the Northern Region in respect of principal and subsidiary Coal Here-diments, respectively.

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

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the Ploughing directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Eastbourne County 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.

The following Paper, pursuant to the War Risks Insurance (Commodity Insurance) Directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Accounts of the War Risks (Commodities) Insurance Fund for the years ended the 31st day of March 1943 and the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the day 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 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): An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "that" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, while expressing its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the Air Training Corps, regrets that the present lack of leadership by the Air Council is causing discouragement and concern to the officers, cadets, civilian committees and instructors of the corps and urges upon the Government the need for an immediate declaration of policy and future intentions for the Air Training Corps.—(Mr. Touche).”—Respectfully submitted.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the
Mr. Speaker acquitted the House, That a Message from the Lords, to the end of which 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.

(In the Committee.)

Air Estimates, 1945.

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 1946.


2. £100, for Pay, &c., of the Air Force.

Air Services Supplementary Estimate, 1944.

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

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Resolutions to be reported.

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

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

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

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

[No. 44.] Wednesday, 7th March, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ilford Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ilford Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of this instant March.

Sweden (No. 1, 1945).

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Monetary Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Sweden, signed at London, on the 6th day of March 1945.

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

Mr. Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the Merchant directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by Shipping, the Minister of War Transport of the Cases in which he has exercised his Powers under Section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, during 1944.

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

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

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Offices of the County War Agricultural Executive Committees of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 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 agreed to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Mr. Brooke; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Emmott.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Governor Business of the House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Navy Estimates).

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Mr. Alexander)—

A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral Royal Assent Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

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

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

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

And it being half an hour after the conclusion of the Business exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, as modified for this Session by the Order of the House of the 30th day of November last, it being then six minutes after Nine of the clock, till to-morrow.
Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 6th March 1945, entitled the Secondary Schools' Provisional Amending Regulations, 1945.

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

Sir John Wardlaw-Mime 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 thereto to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Peake, Mr. Allan Chapman and Mr. Tom Williams, presented a Bill to enable the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State to make contributions and establish centres for the purposes of research as to the practice of artificial insemination of livestock; to provide for the payment of grants out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of initial losses incurred in the operation of certain centres for the artificial insemination of cattle; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order Business of the House.

Sittings of the House.

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday next, the Order made upon the 29th day of November last, relative to Sittings of the House, shall cease to have effect, and that during the remainder of the present Session, until the House otherwise order,—

(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) The following Order shall be substituted for Standing Order No. 2:

2. "The House shall meet on Fridays at 11 a.m. for private business, petitions, orders of the day and notices of motion. Standing Order No. 1 (as amended by this or any other Order) shall apply to the sittings on Fridays with the omission of paragraph (1) thereof and with the substitution of references to 4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. for references to 9.15 p.m. and 9.45 p.m."

(3) Standing Order No. 25 shall apply—

(a) to sittings on days other than Fridays, with the substitution of references to half-past Seven and half-past Eight of the clock for the references to a quarter past Eight and a quarter past Nine of the clock; and

(b) to sittings on Fridays, with the substitution of references to a quarter past One and a quarter past Two of the clock for the references to a quarter past Eight and a quarter past Nine of the clock.

—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The Family Allowances Bill was, according Family Allowances Bill.

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

Sir William Jowitt, by His Majesty's Family Allowances Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject of the Motion relating to Family Allowances [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:— Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the payment of family allowances, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) allowances for families which include two or more children, in respect of each child in a family other than the elder or eldest at the rate of five shillings a week; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

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

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 this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Mathers.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Ordered, That the Report which, upon the 1st day of February last, was made from the Select Committee on Private Bill Standing Orders be now taken into consideration.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means):—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Report into consideration: And the same was again read.

The House was moved, That the Standing Orders of the House relating to Private Business might be read; and the same being read:—

Ordered, That the said Standing Orders be repealed.

Resolved, That the proposed Standing Orders relating to Private Business be approved.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on British Civil Air Transport.

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

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

Account of the Acquisition of Guaranteed Securities Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Special Areas Fund, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944.—The Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Commissioner for the Special Areas in England and Wales, and of the Commissioner for the Special Areas in Scotland, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944: And, Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as Standing Orders amended, be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1944.

Class II.

Vote 2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c.

1. £500 (Supplementary), for the expenses in connection with His Majesty's Embassies, Missions and Consular Establishments Abroad, and other expenditure chargeable to the Consular Vote: certain special grants and payments, including grants in aid; and sundry other services.

Vote 8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.

2. £300,088 (Supplementary), for sundry Colonial and Middle Eastern Services under His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain non-effective services and grants in aid.
Vote 9. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.).

3. £1,313,000 (Supplementary), for the development of the resources of colonies, protectorates, protected states and mandated territories, and the welfare of their peoples; and for certain salaries and expenses.

Class VII.


4. £200,000 (Supplementary), for expenditure in respect of Houses of Parliament buildings.

Class V.

Vote 14A. Ministry of National Insurance.

5. £25,000, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of National Insurance.

Class I.


6. £4,000 (Supplementary), for certain miscellaneous expenses, including certain grants in aid.

Class II.


7. £5,000,000, to reimburse to certain British Banks their subscriptions to the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Fund, 1939.

Class VIII.

Vote 4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances.

8. £200,000 (Supplementary), for superannuation and other non-effective annual allowances, additional allowances, gratuities, compassionate allowances and supplementary pensions in respect of civil employment.

Class IV.


9. £10 (Supplementary), for public education in Scotland, including grants in aid of the Education (Scotland) Fund; for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh; and for grants to approved associations and other expenses in connection with youth service.

Class VI.

Vote 16. Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

10. £30,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland, including grants for land improvement, agricultural education and research, agricultural marketing, agricultural credits, expenses in respect of regulation of agricultural wages, certain grants in aid, and remanent subsidy payments.

Class VIII.

Vote 1. Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions.

11. £51,510 (Supplementary), for war pensions and allowances (including cost of treatment) arising out of the war of 1914–18 to merchant seamen and fishermen and their dependants and the administrative expenses connected therewith.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum by the Secretary of State for Scotland explanatory of the Education (Scotland) Bill.

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

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

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

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Peake 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 1943 and the 31st day of March 1944, and the Liabilities and Assets on the latter day, with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—(1) dated 20th February 1945, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1945, and (2) dated 28th February 1945, entitled the General Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges and Miscellaneous Provisions) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th February 1945, entitled the County and Voluntary Schools (Notices) Regulations, 1945.

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

Mr. Willink presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Joint Superannuation Sub-Committee of the Nurses and Midwives Salaries Committees, on the Superannuation of Nurses and Midwives.

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

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The following Papers, pursuant to the Supreme Court directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copies of Rules of Court,—(1) dated 6th March 1945, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1), 1945, and (2) dated 5th March 1945, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 2), 1945.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from His Majesty's Command,Copy of a Memorandum by the Secretary of State for Scotland explanatory of the Education (Scotland) Bill.

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

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Tuesday, 13th March, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

Treasury Chest. No. 54.

Goods and Services (Price Control).

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

Mr. Gallacher, instead thereof.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill to construct further works and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Examined, That the Bill be referred to the (Lords.) Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of Committees on Private Bills in Sessions 1936 to 1943-44 inclusive be laid before this House.

—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Govern-ment Business be exempted, at this day's sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Army Estimates).

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Secretary Sir James Grigg);

And a Motion being made, 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 Question being proposed, That the words "this House is of opinion that, in view of the strong feeling that exists in the Army on the question of demobilisation and re-employment, that an advisory council be set up, composed of five officers and ten other ranks, and that all measures necessary be taken to ensure that all men due for demobilisation are so trained that they can be fitted into useful employment with the minimum of delay"—(Mr. Gallacher),—instead thereof.

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

And the Main Question being again proposed:—And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 14th March, 1945:

And the Question being put:

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1945.

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, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946.

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army.
2. £100, for the Pay, &c., of the Army.
Army Supplementary Estimate, 1944.
3. £10 (Supplementary), for expenditure, beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Army Services for the year.

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Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.
Resolved, That this House will, this day, 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 1945, the sum of £8,930,743 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Peake.)

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 1946, the sum of £241,926,300 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.
Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 48.]

Wednesday, 14th March, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Order for reading a second time Ilford Corporation Bill was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the Duchy of directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account Cornwall.
of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in 1944.
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of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended Lancaster.
the 21st day of December 1944.—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 Church Estates

Orders to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Commission.
Copy of the Ninetieth Fourth Report of the Church Estates Commissioners (for the year preceding the 1st day of March 1945).

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18B Emergency

of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Powers [Detention

Report of action taken under the said Regulation during February 1945.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant Universities Emergency

to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Bills.
Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 210 Church Estates

(Scotland). Report of University Court Ordinance No. 71 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh) Amendment of University Court Ordinance No. 169 (No. 28 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh), Foundation of Chair of Public Health.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Unopposed Bills have leave to make a Special Report.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee; That they had agreed to a Special Report relative to the Staffordshire Potteries Stipendiary Justice Bill which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Standing Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Staffordshire Potteries Stipendiary Justice Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Commercial Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had
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, 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty praying that the Order in Council, dated 22nd February 1945, made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Good Friday and St. Patrick’s Day) Regulations, 1945, a copy of which was presented on the 27th day of February last, be annulled—(Sir Herbert Williams);

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

Tellers for the [Sir Herbert Williams, Mr. Manningham-Buller: ]

Yea, 19.

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Drewe: ]

Noes, 79.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. [Mr. Cary:]

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

PRAYERS.

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

East Grinstead Gas and Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

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 I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Township of Longtown, situate in the Parish of Arthuret in the Rural District of Border.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Local Authorities Loans Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Wages Councils Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Local Authorities Loans Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wages Councils Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.
Hydro-Electric Undertakings (Valuation for Rating) (Scotland) Bill. Bill 37.

No. 56.

Forestry Bill. Bill 33.

Mr. Robert Hudson, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Tom Williams and Mr. Chapman, presented a Bill to make provision for the reconstitution of the Forestry Commissioners, the acquisition of land for forestry purposes and the management, use and disposal of land so acquired; and in connection with the matters aforesaid to amend the Forestry Acts, 1919 to 1927, and certain other enactments relating to the Forestry Commissioners: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Business of the House.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Business of Supply), the Reports of Resolutions in respect of Supplementary Estimates, 1944, and Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before a quarter of an hour after Nine of the clock, and the Proceedings on the Reports from the Committee of Supply of the 7th, 13th, 6th and 9th days of this instant March may be taken after a quarter past Nine of the clock; and that the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Navy Estimates, 1945.

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 1946.

Vote 1. Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and of certain other personnel serving with the Fleet.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £100, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and of certain other personnel serving with the Fleet, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1944.

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 1945, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Supply of the 13th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1945.

Vote A. Number of Land Forces.

1. That such number of Land Forces of all ranks, as His Majesty may deem necessary, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom at Home and Abroad, exclusive of India, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946.

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

2. That a sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Pay, &c., of the Army, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946.

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1944.
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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Cary reported from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That such number of Officers and Airmen, as His Majesty may deem necessary, be borne for the Air Force Service of the United Kingdom at Home and Abroad, excluding those serving in India on the Indian Establishment, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £500, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1945, for sundry British 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.

3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £200,088, 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 1945, 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.

4. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,313,000, 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 1945, for the development of the resources of colonies, protectorates, protected states and mandated territories, and the welfare of their peoples; and for certain salaries and expenses.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £25,000, 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 1945, for expenditure 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.

6. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £2,000,000, 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 1945, for sundry British 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.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £5,000,000, 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 1945, to reimburse to certain British Banks their subscriptions to the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Fund, 1939.
The Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) 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, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Limitation (Enemies and War Prisoners) Bill [Lords.]

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.
Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.
Clause No. 5 disagreed to.
Clause No. 6 agreed to.
A Clause (Application to Northern Ireland)—[Mr. Attorney General]—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the 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.

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.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;
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.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Possessor of the Duchy of Cornwall, is concerned therein;
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.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Possessor of the Duchy of Cornwall, is concerned therein;
Mr. Attorney General, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Ministry of Committee on Ministry of Fuel and Power [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:
That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the appointment and functions of the Minister of Fuel and Power, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of an annual salary
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ministry of Fuel and Power Bill.

(In the Committee).

Clause No. 1 (Appointment and functions of the Minister of Fuel and Power).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word "power," to insert the words "except electricity."—(Captain Duncan.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words "and with the abatement of smoke and other nuisances arising from the consumption of fuel or utilisation of power."—(Major Markham.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 7 and 8 agreed to.

A Clause (Duration)—(Captain Duncan)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

First, Second and 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, put, and negatived.

Clause No. 1 (Appointment and functions of the Minister of Fuel and Power).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word "power," to insert the words "except electricity."—(Captain Duncan.)

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Charges) (No. 1) Order, 1945, dated 14th February 1945, made by the Treasury under Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 10th day of February last, be approved.—(Captain Waterhouse.)

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 1) Order, 1945, dated 14th February 1945, made by the Treasury under Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 16th day of February last, be approved.—(Captain Waterhouse.)

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons) have power to appoint a Sub-Committee to confer with a Sub-Committee of the Select Committee of the House of Lords appointed to consider of House of Lords Offices.

Ordered, That such Sub-Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That the Quorum of such Sub-Committee be Two.—(Sir Lambert Ward.)

Ordered, That the said Orders be communicated to the Lords: And that the Clerk do communicate the same.

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

And it being Four 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. Cary.)

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

[No. 51.]

Tuesday, 20th March, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to County (Neath Division) Writ, make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Glamorgan (Neath Division) in the room of Sir William Jenkins, deceased.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills (Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. :—Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill (Lords). Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Staffordshire Potteries Stipendiary Justice Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th March 1845, declaring Tihwa (Urumbhi) and Kweilin to be unhealthy places within the meaning of the Superannuation Act, 1876.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th March 1945, Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 2) Order, 1945.
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, 1920, and of the disposal thereof, and of the Contracts made for 1944.

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament, for the Civil Services (Class X) for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.

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

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

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

Mr. Attlee presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement on Housing.

Mr. Attlee also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Peterhouse, Cambridge, on the 17th day of January 1945, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Reports of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee on the Financial Condition of the General and the Agricultural Accounts of the Unemployment Fund as at the 31st day of December 1944.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to Standing Order 90, relating to Private Business, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Rules for the Practice and Procedure of the Court of Referees, framed by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Business of Supply), Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before a quarter of an hour after Nine of the clock.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant March, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1945 (Vote on Account).

That a sum, not exceeding £241,926,000, be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the following Civil and Revenue Departments (including Education and Broadcasting, Pensions, Health 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 1946, viz.:—

Civil Estimates.

Class I

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Mr. Pym reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Peake do report, that the said Resolution being read a second time; and a Motion being made, and the Question put forthwith pursuant to the Standing Order (Business of Supply), to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Report of the Resolution. And the Question being put, Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Mr. Peake accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March 1945, the sum of £8,930,743 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. And the said Resolution, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Peake do prepare, and bring it in.
Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 7 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Township of Longtown, situate in the Parish of Arthuret, in the Rural District of Border, a copy of which Order was presented on the 15th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Mathers.)

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 52.]

Wednesday, 21st March, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1945, entitled the Wool Yarn and Wool Cloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1945.

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 13th March 1945, entitled the County Court Funds Rules, 1945.

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 (Conway and Colwyn Bay Joint Water Supply Board) Bill, without any Amendment.

Complaint being made by Mr. Reakes, Member for the Borough of Wallasey, of a letter which he had received from Mr. Donald F. S. Henderson, offering in certain contingencies to donate a cheque for one hundred guineas to his local Association for their Party Funds, which, he submitted, constituted a breach of the Privileges of the House:—The said Letter was delivered in, and read, as followeth:


Dear Mr. Reakes,

Mrs. Donald Clerk appears to have had a word with you regarding my farming difficulties, and you have been so kind as to ask me to write to you.

I am sending on copies of the correspondence and perhaps when you have had time to peruse it, you might advise me whether anything can be done.

I feel very strongly on this matter and would like to get a favourable decision, because I think the Department in Scotland is simply "dog in the manger" with every application from any quarter and refusing to allow a change of tenancy if the farmer who is in is in the "A" class.

Should you be able to bring a successful conclusion to this case, I should like—if it would be in order—to donate a cheque for One Hundred Guineas to your local Association for their Party Funds.

I shall await the favour of your reply.

With kind regards,

Mrs. Donald Clerk appears to have had a word with you regarding my farming difficulties, and you have been so kind as to ask me to write to you.
Adjournment.

proposed, That this House do now adjourn

That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

the Chairman of Ways and Means reported,

provisions would be payable into that Fund.

Act, and of any sums which apart from those

balance in the Special Areas Fund at the

the said Act of the present Session of any

receipts of a Government department under

Act out of such moneys, of any Government

department incurred under the said Act—

(1) in acquiring land in development areas

(defined by the said Act) for, or for sites

or means of access to, premises for

industrial undertakings and persons

employed therein, and in carrying out in

development areas work for the purpose of

providing such premises, sites or means of

access or of rendering land suitable for their

provisions ;

(2) in giving financial assistance for further-

ing the provision by any body of persons

not trading for private profit of industrial

premises in development areas and for

meeting the needs of development areas in

respect of any service for which a Minister

of the Crown is responsible, and in giving

financial assistance to industrial under-

takings in development areas which could

not otherwise obtain necessary capital ;

(3) in acquiring, or carrying out work on,

derelict land in development areas, and in

giving financial assistance to any such body

of persons as aforesaid towards the cost of

carrying out work on such land ;

(4) in the repayment of expenditure incurred

in or in connection with the erection or

extension of buildings which is prevented

under the said Act of the present Session,

and the payment out of moneys provided by

Parliament of such sums as may be required

to be paid into any fund under the control of

a Government department for the purpose of

meeting any expenses of that department

incurred as aforesaid which under the said Act

are payable out of that fund.

B. The payment into the Exchequer of any

receipts of a Government department under

the said Act of the present Session of any

balance in the Special Areas Fund at the

winding up thereof under the provisions of that

Act, and of any sums which apart from those

provisions would be payable into that Fund.—

(Mr. Dalton.)

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being

proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. Beechman);

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And it being half an hour after the con-

clusion of the Business exempted from the

provisions of the Standing Order

(Sittings of the House), Mr. Deputy

Speaker adjourned the House, without

a Question first put, pursuant to the

Standing Order, as modified for this

Session by the Order of the House of the

30th day of November last, it being then

sixteen minutes before Eleven of the

clock, till to-morrow.

[Money] proposed to be moved, under the

Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Com-

mittee of the whole House, recommends it to

the consideration of the House:—Whereupon

the House, pursuant to the said Standing

Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act

of the present Session to provide for the develop-

ment of certain areas, and for controlling the

provision of industrial premises with a view to

securing the proper distribution of industry, it is expedient to authorise:—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by

Parliament of expenses, payable under the said Act

out of such moneys, of any Government

department incurred under the said Act—

ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon

the Table.

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, by His Veterinary

Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of

the Committee on Veterinary Practice by

Unregistered Persons.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon

the Table.

Mr. Noel-Baker presented pursuant to the Road Vehicles

directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st March

1945, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration

and Licensing) (Amendment) Provisional Regu-

lations, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon

the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid

upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st March

1945, amending Regulation 40AC of the Defence

Emergency Powers (Defence) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st March

1945, amending Regulation 40A of the Defence

Emergency Powers (Defence) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st March

1945, amending the Defence (Finance)

Emergency Powers (Defence) Regulations, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon

the Table.

Mr. Atlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st March

1945, amending Regulation 40AC of the Defence

Emergency Powers (Defence) Regulations, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon

the Table.

Mr. Atlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st March

1945, amending Regulation 40A of the Defence

Emergency Powers (Defence) Regulations, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon

the Table.

Mr. Atlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st March

1945, amending Regulation 40A of the Defence

Emergency Powers (Defence) Regulations, 1939.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Pontypool Gas and Water Company to obtain further supplies of water and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Pontypool Gas and Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) 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;—Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.——(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

And it being half an hour after the conclusion of the Business exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, as modified for this Session by the Order of the House of the 30th day of November last, it being then twelve minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Distribution of Industry Bill to Standing Committee A.

Mr. Speaker having, in pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) made an appointment of a Member to be Chairman of a Standing Committee, the same is here entered; and is as followeth:

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Colonel Sir A. Lambert Ward Chairman of Standing Committee A, in respect of the Distribution of Industry Bill.

D. CLIFTON BROWN,
Speaker.

22nd March 1945.

[No. 54—]
Friday, 23rd March, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

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

I regret to have now to inform the House of the death of Captain Robert Hamilton Bernays, Esquire, Member for the County of Antrim, 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.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to take out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Newport in the room of Sir Reginald Clarry, deceased.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st March 1945, amending the Defence (Cinematograph Quotas) Regulations, 1940.


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

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Navigation, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the British Overseas Airways Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944.

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice Business of the House, the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) House Bill may be considered in Committee immediately after the Bill has been read a second time.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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

Ordered, That Mr. Donald F. S. Henderson do attend the Committee of Privileges on Wednesday next, at Eleven of the clock.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Consolidated Fund (No. 3) House Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of this instant March, That the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill be now read a second time:—And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put;—Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill. The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 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 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.)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Major Young.)

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

[No. 55.]

Tuesday, 27th March, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Commercial Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Suburban Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

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.

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copies of Orders, dated 22nd March 1945, entitled the War Damage (Business Scheme) (Extension of Insurance and Premium) Orders, 1945.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command, —Copy of a Report of the Catering Wages Commission on their Recommendation for the Establishment of a Wages Board for Licensed Non-Residential Establishments.

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

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of an Order, dated 9th March 1945, entitled the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Joint Vagrancy Order, 1945.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, by His Majesty’s Command, —Copy of a Report of the Technical Advisory Committee on Coal Mining.

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

Mr. Peake 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 Supplies so far as such 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; for Relief and Rehabilitation in Areas brought under the Control of any of the United Nations; 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 1944, 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, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of a Report of the Visit of Inspection to the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum in 1944, by Commissioners of the Board of Control.

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

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford on the 23rd day of January 1945, amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 Burmah Police (Class I) and the Number of Vacancies therein.

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

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

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Offices of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, which are not considered of sufficient public Value to justify their Preservation in the Public Record Office.

Account of the Cunard Insurance Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Treasury Pensions Account, the Pensions Account and the Pensions (Scotland) Account, and of the Treasury Special Account—Contributory Pensions.

Vote of Credit (Appropriation Account) 1943—No. 60.
Pensions Account, the Special Pensions Account and the Special Pensions (Scotland) Account, showing the Receipts and Payments during the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Notice being taken of the death yesterday evening of the Right Honourable the Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, o.m. ;

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

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

[No. 56.]

Wednesday, 28th March, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Financial Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Provisional Government of the French Republic, signed at Paris, on the 27th day of March 1945.

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. 21 (No. 72 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh), Foundation of Chair of Dermatology.

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

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st March 1945, entitled the Circuit (Wales and Chester) Provisional Order, 1945.

Copies of Three Orders in Council, dated 21st March 1945, approving Admiralty Memorial under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1945, entitled—

(1) the Ministry of National Insurance (Health Insurance and Pensions) Order, 1945,
(2) the Ministry of National Insurance (Unemployment Insurance and Assistance) Order, 1945, and
(3) the Ministry of National Insurance (Workers' Compensation) Order, 1945.

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

Sir Walter Womersley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1945, amending the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme, 1944.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1945, entitled the Wages Board (Licensed Non-residential Establishments) Order, 1945.


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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., that they had made further Seventh Report.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attlee reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the Matter of the Complaint made upon the 27th day of this instant March by Mr. Reakes, Member for the Borough of Wallasey, of a Letter which he had received from Mr. Donald F.S. Henderson, offering in certain contingencies to donate a cheque for one hundred guineas to his local Association for their Party Funds, That they had considered the matter to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House :—And the Report was brought up, and read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 2) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 250), a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of this instant March, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to it on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Edward Campbell reported from the Public Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petition presented upon the 6th day of December 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.

Sir Cyril Entwistle reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on accommodation in the Palace of Westminster, That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and an Appendix:—And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Sir Cyril Entwistle reported from the Select Committee of the House of Lords on accommodation in the Palace of Westminster, 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 the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Selection (Standing Committees).

Standing Committee A.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Distribution of Industry Bill): Sir Peter Bennett, Mr. Brooke, Mr. W. J. Brown, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Furness, Colonel Greenland, Mr. Heselt, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Cyril Lloyd, Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Peake, Commander Prior, Sir Alexander Russell, Mr. Robert Taylor, Captain Waterhouse and Mr. Westwood.

Sir Charles MacAndrew further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill): Mr. Craik Henderson; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Dower.

Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

Warrington Corporation Bill.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had examined the allegations of the Warrington Corporation Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments 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.

Ministry of Civil Aviation Bill.

Mr. Ernest Brown, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Willink and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to regulate the procedure to be followed in connection with statutory orders required by any future enactment to be subject to special parliamentary procedure; to apply such procedure to certain orders made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944; and to enable such procedure to be applied to certain other orders: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the roth day of April next; and to be printed.

Standing Committee A.

Six Stafford Cripps, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. William Morrison and Mr. Lennox-Boyd, presented a Bill to make provision for the appointment and functions of a Minister of Civil Aviation, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the roth day of April next; and to be printed.

Sittings of the House.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow at Eleven of the clock; that no Questions be taken after Twelve of the clock; and that at Five of the clock Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without a Question first put.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Adjournment (Easter).

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

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 after a quarter past Nine of the clock.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Local Authorities Loans Bill; and the same was read.

The said Amendment being read a second Special Entry time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wages Councils 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 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.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

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

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

A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral Royal Ascent. Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

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

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

2. Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1945.
5. Wages Councils Act, 1945.
Adjournment. 

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn; 
And it being a quarter of an hour after Ten 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. Cary.)

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

[No. 57.]

Thursday, 29th March, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Middlesbrough Borough (West 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 Borough of Middlesbrough (West Division) in the room of the Right Honourable Harcourt Johnstone, deceased. — (Sir Percy Harris.)

Special Constables.

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament. — Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st March 1945, entitled the Special Constables Order, 1945.

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. — Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 10th March 1945, entitled the Services Laundry (Maximum Charges) Order, 1945.

(2) dated 20th March 1945, entitled the Miscellaneous Haberdashery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945.

(3) dated 20th March 1945, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

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

Railways.

Mr. Noel-Baker presented, by His Majesty's Command. — Copy of Estimates of the pooled Revenue Receipts and Expenses and resultant net Revenue of the Controlled Railway Undertakings for 1944. 

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

Message from the Lords.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Fuel and Power Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Bill 43. to provide for the arrangement or the adjustment and settlement of the affairs of persons in Scotland financially affected by war circumstances; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Bill 43. (Scotland) Bill (Lords) was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of April next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Ministry of Lords to the Ministry of Fuel and Power Bill 42. be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 10th day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne reported from the National Select Committee on National Expenditure, That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Mr. Willink, supported by Mr. Secretary Morrison and Miss Horsbrugh, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Local Government Boundary Commission; to make further provision for the alteration of local government areas in England and Wales exclusive of London; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of April next; and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 10th day of April next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of yesterday.

[No. 58.]

Tuesday, 10th April, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two 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 Edward Dunn, Esquire, Member for the County of York, West Riding (Rother Valley 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. 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. —

Pontypool Gas and Water Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz. —

Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

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 the Standing Orders, (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of the Report of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Committee.

Copy of the Final Act of the International Civil Aviation Conference and Appendices I–IV, done at Chicago on the 7th day of December 1944.

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Polish Government regarding Mutual Assistance (with Protocol), signed at London on the 25th day of August 1939.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of Receipts and Payments in respect of the Land Registry for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th March 1945, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th March 1945, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 1) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th March 1945, entitled the Milk Marketing (County of Banff) (Charges) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st March 1945, entitled the Fish Sales (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 31st March 1945, entitled the Acquisition of Land (Valuation for Supplemental Compensation) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 28th March 1945, entitled the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 3) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th March 1945, in pursuance of the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, directing the application of certain Receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Board of Trade.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Belgian Government regarding Mutual Aid, signed at London on the 22nd day of August 1944.

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

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Pensions, &c., granted under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1936, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

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

Secretary Sir Archibald Sinclair presented, Air Force, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th March 1945, making special provision with regard to the issue of retired Pay in certain circumstances to Officers of the Royal Air Force.

Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 22nd November 1944, making special provision with regard to the participation in politics by personnel of His Majesty's Air Forces.

(2) dated 7th March 1945, making special provision with regard to political facilities for personnel of His Majesty's Air Forces who are Members of, or candidates for, Parliament, and rescinding His Majesty's Order, dated 22nd November 1944, which made special provision with regard to the participation in politics by personnel of His Majesty's Air Forces.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, by His Majesty's Patents and Designs Acts, Command,—Copy of the First Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on the Patents and Designs Acts.

Mr. Dalton also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Bankruptcy and Companies (Winding-up) Proceedings during the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

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

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act 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) Ealing Borough Council.
(2) Teignmouth Urban District Council.
(3) Wimbledon Borough Council.
(4) Southall Borough Council.
(5) Bucks County Council.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th March 1945, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1945.

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

Sir Walter Womersley presented, by His Pensions, Majesty's Command,—List of exceptional Awards of Pensions and Allowances sanctioned by the Treasury to disabled Members, and to the Dependants of deceased Members, of the
Armed Forces during the year ended the 31st day of March 1944.

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. 212 (No. 48 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow), Amendment of University Court Ordinance No. 88 (No. 25 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow), Foundation of the Cargill Chair of Applied Physics.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Distribution of Industry Bill): Mr. Clement Davies; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Wilfrid Roberts.

Mr. Bowles, Member for the County of Warwick (Nuneaton Division), rose in his place and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.: The failure of the Government to take immediate steps to ensure the safety of passengers carried by Transport Command; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen, the Motion stood over, under the Standing Order (Motion for Adjournment on Matter of Urgent Public Importance) until a quarter of an hour after Six of the clock this day.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question, by leaving out from the word "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.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1945.

Class VII.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £5,464,005, 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 1946, for expenditure in respect of miscellaneous works services, including certain new works and buildings, historic buildings, ancient monuments, Brompton Cemetery, certain housing estates and certain grants in aid.

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Requisitioned Land and War Works [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Requisitioned Committee on the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Family Allowances Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Family Allowances [Money];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Welsh Church Committee on the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 14th day of March last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Adjournment of the House:

(Safety of Passengers carried by Transport Command).

Selection (Standing Committees).

Supply (Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments).—Repair to war-damaged dwellings.
Forestry Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Forestry Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Distribution of Industry [Money]. The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Distribution of Industry [Money]; 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Adjournment The Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—
(Mr. Bowles); The House divided.

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

Adjournment Tellers for the [Mr. Bowles, Mr. Modley Hughes]; 19.

Adjournment Tellers for the [Mr. Pym, Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn]; 85.

Adjournment So it passed in the Negative.

Local Government (Boundary Commission) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Boundary Commission) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjournment A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Mr. Drew); And it being a quarter of an hour after Nine 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. Mathers.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 59.] Wednesday, 11th April, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Commercial Gas Bill. The Commercial Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

South Suburban Gas Bill. The South Suburban Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

London County Council (Money) Bill. 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-five to the thirtieth day of September one thousand nine hundred and forty-six 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. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of March 1945.

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Mr. Cary reported from the Committee on Requisitioned Land and War Works [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the acquisition of certain land used or dealt with for war purposes and to make other provision as to such land, to remove doubts as to the powers of certain Ministers to acquire land under the Defence Act, 1842, to amend certain of the enactments relating to compensation in respect of land, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment or repayment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of the remuneration and allowances of the members, officers and servants of any Commission set up under the said Act of the present Session and any expenses incurred by any such Commission with the approval of the Treasury;

(b) of, or of contributions in respect of,—

(i) the cost of doing any work required to be done by any order made under the said Act of the present Session authorising the stopping up or diversion of a highway; 

(ii) any increased expenditure to be incurred which is ascribable to the doing of any such work or to the provision or improvement, before the making of the order, of any highway as a substitute for any highway stopped up under any such order; or

(iii) any compensation paid by the highway authority in respect of restrictions imposed under section one or section two of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, as respects any highway stopped up or diverted under any such order; 

(c) of any expenses incurred under or by virtue of the said Act of the present Session by any Minister (except so far as they are payable out of the Road Fund under any other Act); 

(d) of any compensation payable under or by virtue of the said Act of the present Session by any Minister; 

(e) of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in any compensation payable by the Crown under any other Act; and

N 2 —
Works Bill.

Land and War Requisitioned in camera." (Viscount Hinchingbrooke.)

and the payment into the Exchequer of any sum paid under the said Act of the present Session to any Minister.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (The War Works Commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "Commission," to insert the words "to be appointed by the Lord Chancellor and "."

(Viscount Hinchingbrooke.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "on the advice of the Lord Chancellor."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Mr. Manningham-

Buller:

Yea,

33.

Commander Galbraith:

Noes,

Mr. Beechman:

240.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words "of the Civil Service."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the word "to," and insert "(3) Subject to the provisions of this section the Commission shall have power to regulate their own procedure."—(Sir George Courthope.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 24, at the end, to add the words—

"(5) All proceedings before the Commission with respect to any matter referred to them under the subsequent provisions of this Act shall be held in public unless, in the case of any such proceedings, considerations of national security render it, in the opinion of the Commission, advisable that the proceedings should be held in camera."—(Viscount Hinchingbrooke.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Land affected by government war work or damaged by government war use).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 44, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that nothing in this Act shall authorise—

(a) the acquisition of—

(i) any common or open space (as those expressions are respectively defined in and for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944) ;

(ii) any easement over or right restrictive of the user of any common or open space ;

(b) the discharge or modification of any restriction as to the user of any common or open space except by means of a compulsory purchase order made by any of the Ministers specified in subsection (2) of this section and such order shall be provisional only and shall not have effect unless and until it is confirmed by Parliament."—(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson.)

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. Chancellor of the Exchequer), 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of Civil Aviation Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to proceed with the Second Reading of a Bill which, whilst establishing a National Minister of Civil Aviation in this country, fails to provide for the future organisation, ownership and control of civil aviation upon the widest possible basis, namely, a world basis, in order to ensure that this service should be removed once and for all from the sphere of private and national rivalry and competition"—(Mr. Bowles),—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 the Bill be now read a second time.—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

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

Sir Stafford Cripps, by His Majesty's Ministry of Civil Aviation (Money).
Civil Aviation [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the appointment and functions of a Minister of Civil Aviation, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of an annual salary not exceeding five thousand pounds payable to the Minister appointed under the said Act, and of the expenses of that Minister, including the salaries or remuneration payable to any Parliamentary Secretary, and to any other secretaries, officers or servants, appointed by the Minister.—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

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 tomorrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Pym); And it being a quarter of an hour after Nine 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 sixteen minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker having, in pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) nominated a Member to be a Member of the Chairmen’s Panel, the said nomination is here entered; and is as followeth:

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Dr. Leslie Haden Guest, M.C., a Member of the Chairmen’s Panel, in the room of William Foster, Esquire, resigned.

D. CLIFTON BROWN,
Speaker.

11th April, 1945.

[No. 60.]

Thursday, 12th April, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two 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 Commander Rupert Arnold Brabner, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.V.R., Member for the Borough of Hythe, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of His Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State under the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Acts, 1905 and 1924: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Account, up to the 31st day of March 1945, of the Total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given under Section 1 of the Development (Loan Guarantees and Grants) Act, 1929, and of the Sums paid in or towards Repayment of any Sums so issued.

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

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the British Guiana (Constitution) Amendment Order in Council, 1945.

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 28th March 1945, entitled the Rubber Footwear Repairs (Maximum Charges) Order, 1945.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, That they had gone through the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant April; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 23, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided always that without prejudice to the power of acquisition the use of any such works shall conform to any relevant town planning scheme."—(Mr. Molyneux Hughes.)

Question, Those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 23, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that the Minister shall not exercise the power of acquisition with respect to any land until after consultation with the local planning authority nor otherwise than subject to the considerations to which the Commission are required by section eleven of this Act to have regard in connection with any proposals referred to them."—(Mr. Molson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Mathers.)

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.

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Committee on Distribution of Industry [Money]:—

(a) the acquisition of—

(i) any common or open space (as those expressions are respectively defined in and for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944); (ii) any easement over or right restrictive of the use of any common or open space; (iii) any land forming part of a public footpath or bridlepath; or (b) the discharge or modification of any restriction as to the user of any common or open space except by means of a compulsory purchase order made by any of the Ministers specified in subsection (a) of this section and such order shall be provisional only and shall not have effect unless and until it is confirmed by Parliament.

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

Clause postponed until after Clause No. 13.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Clause No. 5 (Works). Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 3, to leave out the word "partly," and insert the word "mainly."—(Major York.)

Question, That the word "partly," stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 4, to leave out from the word "Crown" to the word "and," in l. 5.—(Mr. Molson.)

Question, That the word "or" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, after the word "interest," to insert the words "being less than a lease with twenty-one years unexpired at the commencement of this Act."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 7, to leave out paragraph (a).—(General Sir George Jeffreys.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "or," in l. 10, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, after the word "land," to insert the words "being the person by whom and mainly at whose expense the works were constructed."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 15, to leave out from the word "land" to the word "or," in l. 17.—(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. 3, l. 17, to leave out from the word "Act" to the end of l. 23.—(Mr. Colegate.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 23, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided always that without prejudice to the power of acquisition the use of any such works shall conform to any relevant town planning scheme."—(Mr. Molyneux Hughes.)

Question, Those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 23, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that the Minister shall not exercise the power of acquisition with respect to any land until after consultation with the local planning authority nor otherwise than subject to the considerations to which the Commission are required by section eleven of this Act to have regard in connection with any proposals referred to them."—(Mr. Molson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Mathers.)
National Expenditure.

Ordered, That Mr. de Rothschild be discharged from the Select Committee on National Expenditure; and that Professor Gruffydd be added to the Committee.—(Sir James Edmondson.)

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 62.]

Tuesday, 17th April, 1945.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account up to the 31st day of March 1945, of the Total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund pursuant to the Greek Loan Act, 1898, in respect of the Annuity which was guaranteed by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria for the purpose of facilitating the raising of a Loan by the Government of Greece, and of the Sums paid in or towards the Repayment of any Money so issued.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Cinematograph 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 Berwick-upon-Tweed.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 31st day of March 1945 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. Secretary Sir James Grigg presented, by Army His Majesty's Command, List of Exceptions to the Army Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay and Allowances.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 11th April 1945, approving Admiralty Memorials relating to (1) the grant of War Service Increments, and (2) the payment of Japanese Campaign Pay.

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

Mr. Willink presented, by His Majesty's Rent Control Command, Copy of the Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Rent Control.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Provisional Order, dated 30th March 1945, entitled the Peterborough Joint Education Board Provisional Order, 1945.


Copy of Regulations, dated 24th March 1945, entitled the Physical Training (Clothing) Regulations, 1945.

Copies of Provisional Regulations, dated 29th March 1945, entitled—
(1) the Teachers' Emergency Training (Students' Grants) Provisional Regulations, 1945, and
(2) the Ministry of Education (Further Education and Training) Provisional Grant Regulations, 1945.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Financial Position of the Coal-mining Industry (Coal Charges Account).

Major Lloyd George also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement showing the Total Amounts of the certified Valuations in the North Midland Region in respect of principal and subsidiary Coal Hereditaments, respectively.

Copy of the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Central Electricity Board (for 1944).

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

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

Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the High Court and the Court of Appeal during the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., on the Fourth Report.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., 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, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Milk Marketing (County of Banff) (Charges) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 350), and the Fish Sales (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 356), copies of which were presented on the 10th day of this instant April, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to them on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

They have also considered the Ploughing Grants Regulations, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 214), a copy of which was presented on the 6th day of March last, and are of the opinion that the attention of the House should be drawn to them on the ground that there appears to have been unjustifiable-delay in their publication.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. McIntyre, Member for the County of Lanark (Motherwell Division), came to the Table to be sworn, without being introduced, according to custom, by Two Members:—Whereupon Mr. Speaker pointed out to the honourable Member that, according to the practice of the House when a new Member comes into the House for the first time it is usual that he should be introduced by Two Members of the House; and he asked him:—Two Members of the House were prepared to introduce him, according to the practice of the House:—And upon an answer from the honourable Member, Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the fact that upon the 23rd day of February 1668 the House being informed that it was an ancient Order and Custom of the House that, upon new Members coming into the House, they be introduced to the Table between Two Members, making their Obeisances as they go up, that they may be the better known to the House, the House had resolved, "That the said Order and Custom be for the future observed;" and that it was his duty to see the Resolution of the House enforced:—Mr. Speaker then directed the honourable Member to withdraw; and he withdrew accordingly.

Sir John Boyd Orr, D.S.O., M.C., M.A., M.D., New Member makes Affirmation required by Law.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order and Custom of the House that, upon new Members coming into the House, they be introduced to the Table between Two Members, be dispensed with, on this occasion, in the case of Mr. McIntyre—(Mr. Buchanan):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Silverman rose in his place, and claimed the Closure claimed, to move, That the Question be now put; but it was adjourned to a quarter past Nine of the clock. (Mr. Buchanan.)

Mr. Speaker withheld his assent and declined to move, That the Question be now put; but it was adjourned to a quarter past Nine of the clock. (Mr. Attlee.)

But the proceedings of the Committee of Supply were not deemed to have taken place, and the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put:—
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan.]
Yea:—Mr. Moelwyn Hughes ... 74.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pym.]
Noes:—Mr. Cary: ... 273.
So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding Business of the House, they be not considered, but Assent be withheld.

Ordered, That no Business be done for the quarter past Nine of the clock, and that the House, sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for One hour after a quarter past Nine of the clock.—(Mr. Attlee.)

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty to convey to His Majesty the deep sorrow with which this House has learned of the death of the President of the United States of America and to pray His Majesty that in communicating his own sentiments of grief to the United States Government he will also be graciously pleased to express on the part of this House their sense of the loss which the British Common-
wealth and Empire and the cause of the Allied Nations have sustained and their profound sympathy with Mrs. Roosevelt and the late President's family and with the Government and people of the United States of America.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Class II.

Vote I. Foreign Office.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £1,917,787, 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 1946, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the salary of a Minister of State:

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereunto have been complied with, viz.:

London County Council (Money) Bill.

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 Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Pontypool Gas [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18E of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report of action taken under the said Regulation during March 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Emergency Powers (Defence) (Detention Orders) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th March 1945, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Information affecting Contributory Pensions) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1945.


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

Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th March 1945, entitled the Training of Teachers Amending Regulations, No. 3, 1945.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Distribution of Industry Bill): Mr. Cyril Lloyd; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Manningham-Buller.

[No. 63.]

Wednesday, 18th April, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 17th day of this instant April relative to the Death of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address expressing the deep sorrow and sense of grievous loss caused by the death of President Roosevelt. I share these sentiments in full and

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Sir Bracewell Smith reported from the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons), that they had agreed to a Special Report on which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

New Member makes Affirmation required by Law.

Robert Douglas McIntyre, Esquire, Member for the County of Lanark (Motherwell Division), made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

Business of the House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ministry of Fuel and Power Bill and on the Ministry of Civil Aviation Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 5 (Works).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 24, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir George Jeffreys.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word " adjoining;" in l. 26, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee proceeded to a Division:—

Mr. Pym and Mr. Buchan-Scott were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, after the word " which," to insert the words " is in the possession of the Minister and used by him for purposes essential to the carrying on of the works and."—(Sir George Court hope.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Depreciated land).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 43, to leave out the words " total or partial."—(Mr. Colegate.)

Question, That the words " total or partial" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 43, after the word " and," to insert the words " the Minister is satisfied after enquiry of the persons interested in the land that."—(Major Morrison.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 46, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir Ernest Shepperson.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word " adjoining" in p. 4, l. 1, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 4, to leave out the word " utilised," and insert the word " rehabilitated."—(Mr. Peake.)

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 9, at the end, to add the words—

" (3) In the case of common lands and public open spaces it shall be the duty of the Minister to restore the land or an equivalent area to a condition that will render it usable by those having a right of access thereto prior to the acquisition."—(Mr. Silkin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 9, at the end, to add the words—

" (3) This section shall not apply to any common or open space as defined in section (Common lands, &c.) of this Act."—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 9, at the end, to add the words—

" (3) In any case where the power of acquisition shall have been exercised under this section, it shall be the duty of the Minister to undertake the rehabilitation of that land as soon as may be and in any case before the expiration of four years from the end of the war period."—(Captain Duncan.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of l. 29, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Mathers.)

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to Ministry of Fuel and Power Bill.

Clause No. 7 (Easements and other rights).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, to leave out from the word " land " to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. Keeling.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of l. 29, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Mathers.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Ministry of Fuel and Power Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Sir James Edmondson, reported from the Select Committee on Ministry of Civil Aviation (Civil Aviation Bill [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the appointment and functions of a Minister of Civil Aviation, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of an annual salary not exceeding five thousand
Adjournment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ministry of Civil Aviation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Appointment and functions of Minister of Civil Aviation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not authorise the production of civil aircraft by the Minister."—(Sir Wavell Wakefield.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Etherton: 73.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Bowles: 16.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 7 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

That the Committee had gone through the Bill, be now taken into consideration:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, till to-morrow.
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 10, after the word "land," to insert the words "or—

(b) in a case where it appears to him that the proposals or any of them may affect amenities enjoyed by the public, by a local authority or by a society or body having as its object or one of its objects the preservation of such amenities being a society or body the character and membership of which is such that it is, in his opinion, proper that their views should be considered."—(Mr. Peake.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Proposed words amended, in l. 3, after the word "affect," by inserting the words "the progress of scientific research or."—(Mr. Turt.)

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, as amended, in l. 9, to leave out the words "his opinion," and insert the words "the opinion of the Commission."—(Mr. Turt.)

Question proposed, That the words "his opinion," stand part of the proposed Amendment, as amended:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, as amended, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words, as amended, there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 19, after the first word "by," to insert the words "them or by:"—(Mr. Turt.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 19, to leave out from the word "appointed" to the end of the subsection, and insert the words "by them to hear and consider the case in public whether at a public local enquiry or otherwise."—(Mr. Molson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) Where objection to the proposals or any of them is made to the Commission on the grounds that the proposals or any of them are not in accordance with national or local interests or requirements as to planning or amenities and the Commission, though not satisfied that the objection should be upheld, are of opinion that it is substantial, the Commission shall notify the Minister of Town and Country Planning accordingly and shall, before reporting to the Minister who made the proposals, consider any information or representations put before them by or on behalf of the Minister of Town and Country Planning."—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 6, to leave out the word "and."—(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 22, to leave out from the word "him" to the end of the subsection, and insert the words "desirable and shall send a copy thereof to all persons who gave notice of objection."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "the," in l. 23, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Powers of Minister on receipt of report of Commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 1, to leave out subsection (1), and insert the words—

"(1) Where proposals are referred to the Commission under the provision of this Act and the Commission report that such proposals ought not to be proceeded with or ought to be proceeded with only with such omissions, additions or modifications as they may specify the Minister shall not proceed with such proposals or shall proceed therewith only in accordance with the Report of the Commission, and in such event the Minister may be ordered by the Commission to pay the costs of any proceedings incurred by the objectors.

Provided that nothing shall prevent the Minister giving notice of fresh proposals under subsection (1) of section eight of this Act."—(Mr. Turt.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 5, to leave out the words "or one of the grounds."—(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchison.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 9, after the word "dwelling house," to insert the words "or agricultural building (as defined in section two of the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Act, 1928)."—(Major York.)

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

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Conditional recommendations by Commission).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 46, to leave out from the word "the" to the end of the Clause, and add the words "whole or some part of the land ought not to be acquired if, within a time specified in the report, the person (in this section called the rightful occupier) who is for the time being entitled to occupy the same, or, if it is in the possession of a Minister or a person occupying or using it under the authority of a Minister, would be entitled to occupy it if it were not in such possession, undertakes in writing to the Minister to rehabilitate it or procure its rehabilitation as aforesaid, and gives to the Minister such security (if any) for the fulfilment of his undertaking as the Commission may direct.

In any such report the Commission may, if they think fit, give any directions as to the manner in which and the time within which the rehabilitation shall be carried out.

(3) Where any such report is made under either subsection (1) or subsection (2) of this
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 23, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that in no circumstances shall the Commission report in favour of acquisition where at the time of the original Government user or work an express undertaking of restoration is proved to have been done on behalf of the Crown or other the authority or persons carrying out the work or using the land."—(Mr. Keeling.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 28, to leave out the word "financial."—(Mr. Keeling.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 31, at the end, to insert the words "(d) the degree of importance (to the interests of agriculture, forestry, trade, amenities or other public interests or to the interests of owners or occupiers of land) of any purpose for which the land would be likely to be used if it were not acquired."—(Mr. Keeling.)
PRAYERS.

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

Copy of an Order, dated 17th April 1945, entitled the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1945.

Account up to the 31st day of March 1945, of the Total Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given under the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 to 1926, and of the Sums paid in or towards Repayment of any Sums so issued.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Distribution of Industry Bill) : Mr. Wilfrid Roberts; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Clement Davies.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Amendment of Army Act, s. 153).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, to leave out the words "six months," and insert the words "one month."—(Mr. Stephen.)

Question, That the words "six months" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 14, to leave out the words "thirty pounds," and insert the words "forty shillings."—(Mr. Stephen.)

Question, That the words "thirty pounds" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 14, at the end, to add the words "and at the end of the section there shall be added the words:—'

'Provided that no person shall be deemed to be guilty of any offence under this section who is the father or mother, wife or brother or sister, son or daughter of the deserting or absentee officer or soldier.'—(Mr. Stephen.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yeas,

Mr. McGovern:

Mr. Stephen:

1.

Noes,

Mr. Pym:

Mr. Drew:

108.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.

A Clause (Political discussion)—(Mr. Pritt)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yeas,

Mr. Hugh Lawson :

Mr. Cary :

11.

Noes,

Mr. McGovern :

Mr. Young :

106.

Another Clause (Amendment of Army Act, s. 9)—(Mr. McGovern)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yeas,

Mr. Hugh Lawson :

Mr. McGovern :

6.

Noes,

Mr. Cary :

83.

Another Clause (Amendment of Army Act, s. 44)—(Mr. McGovern)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Amendment of Army Act, s. 48)—(Sir William Allen)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time; and passed.

Resolved, That this House approves the India Indirect Taxation Acts (Proclamation of Continuance in Force of Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of Bombay on the 4th day of November 1939, and of his Proclamation varying the same issued on the 13th day of February 1943, copies of which were presented on the 28th day of November 1939 and the 16th day of March 1943, respectively.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)

Resolved, That this House approves the India Indirect Taxation Acts (Proclamation of Continuance in Force of Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of Madras on the 3rd day of November 1939, and of his Proclamation varying the same issued on the 15th day of February 1943, copies of which were presented on the 30th day of October 1939, and of his Proclamation varying the same issued on the 28th day of November 1939 and the 16th day of March 1943, respectively.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)

Resolved, That this House approves the India Indirect Taxation Acts (Proclamation of Continuance in Force of Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of the United Provinces on the 3rd day of November 1939,
and of his Proclamations varying the same issued on the 1st day of December 1939 and the 12th day of February 1943, copies of which were presented on the 28th day of November 1939, the 16th day of January 1940 and the 10th day of March 1943, respectively.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)

Resolved, That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of the Central Provinces and Berar on the 10th day of November 1939, and of his Proclamation varying the same issued on the 2nd day of December 1939, copies of which were presented on the 28th day of November 1939 and the 16th day of January 1940, respectively.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)

Resolved, That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of Bihar on the 3rd day of November 1939, and of his Proclamations varying the same issued on the 3rd day of December 1939 and the 13th day of February 1943, copies of which were presented on the 28th day of November 1939, the 16th day of January 1940 and the 10th day of March 1943, respectively.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 66.]

Tuesday, 24th April, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Warrington Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Peake presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement on the Removal of certain Excise Restrictions on Distillation and of Allowances on Industrial Alcohol and Exported Spirits.

Copy of an Analysis of the Sources of War Finance and Estimates of the National Income and Expenditure in the years 1938 to 1944.

Mr. Peake also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to the Civil Contingencies Fund.

Mr. Peake also presented, pursuant to the Income Tax, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Warrant, dated 20th April 1945, appointing Charles Russell Pledger, Esquire, to be a Special Commissioner of Income Tax.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th April 1945, entitled the Milk Marketing (Special Areas) (Scotland) (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1945.

Emergency Powers (Defence) (Charges), Egypt.

Resolved, That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of the Central Provinces and Berar on the 10th day of November 1939, and of his Proclamation varying the same issued on the 2nd day of December 1939, copies of which were presented on the 28th day of November 1939 and the 16th day of January 1940, respectively.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)

Accounts of the Czechoslovak Financial Claims Fund and Czechoslovak Refugee Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His United States Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Convention between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington, the 16th day of April 1945.


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

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

Accounts of the Czechoslovak Financial Claims Fund and Czechoslovak Refugee Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Financial Statement (1945-46) laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Mr. Peake.)

Mr. Peake 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.)

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

(In the Committee.)

CUSTOMS, EXCISE AND PURCHASE TAX.

Hops, &c., and Beer (Customs).

1. Resolved, That the period for which the following duties of customs are chargeable (which expires on the fifteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-five) shall be extended by four years, namely:

(a) the duties now chargeable by virtue of subsection (1) of section one of the Finance Act, 1941, on hops, hop oil and extracts, essences or other similar preparations made from hops; and

(b) the additional duty now chargeable in respect of beer by virtue of that subsection.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Spirits (Excise).

2. Resolved, That no allowance shall be paid—

(a) under section three of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1885, in respect of plain British spirits exported from or used in the nature of spirits of wine, exported from or used or deposited in a customs or excise warehouse; or

(b) under section six of the Finance Act, 1895, in respect of spirits used for methylation which are removed from a place of methylation and exported; or

(c) under section one of the Revenue Act, 1906, in respect of spirits (including methyl alcohol) used by an authorised methylator or received by any person for use in any art or manufacture under section eight of the Finance Act, 1902; or

(d) under section three of the Revenue Act, 1906, in respect of spirits of wine exported direct from the premises of a person licensed to rectify or compound spirits; and subsection (5) of section forty-six of the Spirits Act, 1880 (which provides for an allowance for wastage of spirits in a distiller’s spirit store) shall cease to have effect, and provision shall be made by regulations of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise in lieu of the provisions of subsection (1) of section sixty-six of the Spirits Act, 1880 (which relates to deficiencies occurring in warehouse).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Entertainments (Excise).

3. Resolved, That in lieu of the exemption from entertainments duty of entertainments provided for partly educational purposes by a society, institution or committee which is not conducted or established for profit and the aims, objects and activities of which are partly educational.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mechanically Propelled Vehicles (Charge of Excise Duty by reference to cylinder capacity instead of horse-power).

4. Resolved, That—

(a) the duty of excise in respect of a mechanically propelled vehicle, being a vehicle which derives its motive power wholly from an internal combustion engine worked by a cylinder or cylinders and which is chargeable with such duty under paragraph 6 of the Second Schedule of the Finance Act, 1920, by reference to its horse-power, shall, in the case of such a vehicle registered under the Roads Act, 1920, for the first time on or after such date as may be fixed by order of the Treasury, be charged by reference to the cylinder capacity of the vehicle, calculated in accordance with regulations made by the Minister of War Transport, instead of by reference to its horse-power;

(b) for the purposes of this Resolution a unit of cylinder capacity shall be one hundred cubic centimetres;

(c) the duty to be charged in respect of such a vehicle so registered shall be charged at a rate for each unit or part of a unit of cylinder capacity equal to four-fifths of the rate fixed by the said paragraph 6 for each unit or part of a unit of horse-power, so however that, in a case in which duty so charged would be less than duty charged at the rate fixed by the said paragraph 6 for a vehicle not exceeding six horse-power, the rate of the duty in respect of the vehicle shall be the last-mentioned rate;

(d) it is expedient to extend references to horse-power in the Finance Act, 1920, and other enactments so as to include references to cylinder capacity.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Purchase Tax (Amendment as to definition of chargeable goods by reference to use of the utility mark).

5. Resolved, That the provision made by section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1942, for authorising the definition of classes of goods for the purposes of certain purchase tax orders under section twenty of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, by reference to the utility mark mentioned in the said section nineteen shall be extended so as to apply to other marks the use of which the Board of Trade has power to regulate and to any such orders.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

INCOME TAX.

Charge of Tax.

6. Resolved, That—

(a) income tax for the year 1945–46 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) subject to the provisions of section twenty-six of the Finance Act, 1944, and
of any Act of the present Session amending the law relating to income tax, all such enactments as had effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1944-45, 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 1945-46.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should 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 1944-45.

7. Resolved, That income tax for the year 1944-45 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 (i) 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 should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Charges in connection with Schemes for the Rationalisation of Industry.

8. Resolved, That, subject to the provisions of any Act of the present Session making further provisions in connection with Finance—

(a) sums received under schemes certified by the Board of Trade under section twenty-five of the Finance Act, 1935, shall be treated for the purposes of income tax as if they were trading receipts;

(b) where any sums received under such a scheme are not so treated, contributions paid under the scheme shall, to a corresponding extent, not be allowed to be deducted under the said section, and

(c) where a certificate granted with respect to a scheme under the said section is cancelled, any funds held for the purposes of the scheme shall be chargeable to income tax.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Agreements for relief from double taxation.

9. Resolved, That where any agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of any other territory makes provision for granting relief in cases where the same income is chargeable to United Kingdom income tax and to the income tax payable under the laws of that territory—

(a) effect shall be given to any provision included in the agreement as to the charge of income tax in respect of income arising from sources in the United Kingdom to persons not resident in the United Kingdom, as to the income to be attributed to such persons and their agencies, branches or establishments in the United Kingdom, and as to the income to be attributed to persons resident in the United Kingdom who have special relationships with persons not resident in the United Kingdom; and

(b) if the agreement is between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of a territory which is a Dominion as defined by section twenty-seven of the Finance Act, 1920, relief shall not be given under that section in relation to income tax of that Dominion.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Extension of time for making assessments in certain cases.

10. Resolved, That assessments to income tax may be made at any time, if required in consequence of—

(a) any alteration of the amount which falls to be taken into account in respect of excess profits tax or the national defence contribution in computing the liability of any person to income tax; or

(b) any determination as to whether any allowance is receivable by any person in respect of exceptional depreciation of buildings, machinery or plant, or as to the amount of any such allowance.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Miscellaneous.

Estate Duty (Agreements for relief from double duty).

11. Resolved, That where any agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of any other territory makes provision for granting relief from double taxation in relation to estate duty payable under the laws of the United Kingdom and any duty of a similar character payable under the laws of that territory—

(a) effect shall be given to any provision included in the agreement relating to the place where any property is to be treated as being situated for estate duty purposes; and

(b) the relief to be given under the agreement shall be in lieu of any relief under subsection (4) of section seven of the Finance Act, 1894, or under section twenty of that Act, as extended by or under any other enactment.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Excess Profits Tax.

12. Resolved, That the extent and incidence of excess profits tax (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to—

(a) amendments of the law relating to the computation of profits; and

(b) amendments of the law relating to the time within which assessments to excess profits tax may be made; and

(c) amendments of the law relating to relief from double taxation.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

National Defence Contribution.

13. Resolved, That the extent and incidence of the national defence contribution (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to—

(a) amendments of the law relating to the computation of profits; and

(b) amendments of the law relating to the time within which assessments to the national defence contribution may be made; and

(c) amendments of the law relating to relief from double taxation.

—(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. Mathers),—put, and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Speaker addressed the House, as followeth:

May I be allowed to make a slight interruption in the proceedings?

In peace-time the lantern light above Big Ben always shone out after sunset in order to show that the House of Commons was at work. For five years, seven months and twenty-three days, this light has now been extinguished.

When I press this switch our lantern light will shine once more.

In so doing, I pray that, with God’s blessing, this light will shine henceforth not only as an outward and visible sign that the Parliament of a free people is assembled in free debate, but also, that it may shine as a beacon of sure hope in a sadly torn and distracted world.

I now turn on our lantern light.

Ordered, That what has now been said by Mr. Speaker be entered upon the Journals of this House.—(Mr. Mathers.)

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Civil Aviation 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 Staffordshire Potteries Stipendiary Justice Bill, without any Amendment.

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

(In the Committee.)

Amendment of Law.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law relating to the national debt and the public revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance:

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 Vice-Admiral Royal Assent, Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

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

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


Then the House again resolved itself into Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law relating to the national debt and the public revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance:

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

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Mid-Southern Utility [Lords].
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.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to National Debt (Permanent Annual Charge), proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, 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 four hundred and sixty-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. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th day of this instant April ;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Ploughing Grants Regulations, 1945, dated 1st February 1945, a copy of which was presented on the 6th day of March last, be annulled—(Mr. Moelwyn Hughes) :—

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

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Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury during the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, 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 1945 of the Total Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of Guarantees given by the Treasury under subsection (1) of Section 29 of the Act, or received by way of Repayment of any Sums so issued.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th April 1945, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

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

Sir Cyril Entwistle reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Committee A.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Committee A.

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

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Selection Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A :—Mr. Butcher, Mr. Emmott, Colonel Sir Arthur Evans and Major Sir Jocelyn Lucas; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Dowler, Sir Arnold Gridley, Mr. John Maclay and Sir George Schuster.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means into the Committee of Ways and Means.
26th—27th April, 1945.

In the Committee.
Amendment of Law.
1. Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law relating to the national debt and the public revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance. Question put, and agreed to. National Loans.

2. Resolved, That—
(1) the power of the Treasury to raise money under section one of the National Loans Act, 1939, shall include power to raise any money required for raising any supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and in addition a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty million pounds; (2) provision shall be made for extending the powers of trustees of trustee savings banks to invest in securities issued to them under the said Act moneys received by them in respect of special investments. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Report. 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 tomorrow. Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th day of this instant April; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Mathers); And it being a quarter of an hour after Nine 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—(Mr. Beechman); And it being a quarter of an hour before Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 69.]

Friday, 27th April, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A Motion being made, That the Warrington Corporation Bill be now read the third time: Mr. Whiteley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein; Mr. Whiteley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Order made upon the 26th day of this Coal Mines. instant April, That the Paper relative to Coal Mines be printed, was read, and discharged.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Buchenwald Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of a Parliamentary Delegation on Buchenwald Camp. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Public Income and Expenditure.還要 No. 75. for the United Kingdom in the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Balances in the Exchequer on the 1st day of April 1944, the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th April 1945, entitled the War Damage (Private Chattels Scheme) (Extension of Insurance and Premium) Order, 1945. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. Drew reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 14th day of March last, a Resolution: which was read, as followeth: INCOME TAX (Exceptional Depreciation Allowances, &c.) Income Tax That the following provisions shall be deemed always to have had effect as respects,- and in connection with, the allowance provided for by section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1941 (which provides for an allowance for income tax purposes for exceptional depreciation of certain buildings, machinery and plant)—

(a) the said section nineteen shall have effect subject to amendments as to the value to be put on the buildings, machinery or plant and as to the time at which the depreciation thereof is to be treated as having occurred:

(b) in certain cases, deductions shall not be made in computing profits or gains for income tax purposes for expenditure incurred for the purpose of making good
of which such building or structure is being used or of any part of that trade or undertaking which is capable of being carried on as a going concern.”—(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Cessation of mills, factories allowances).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 42, to leave out the word “four,” and insert the word “nine.”—(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Definition of “industrial building or structure”).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 2, after the word “Kildonan,” to insert the words “or elsewhere.”—(Mr. Crawen-Ellis.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 2, at the end, to insert the words—

“(v) of goods or materials which are to be sold to the public in any retail shop; or.”—(Sir George Schuster.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words “or (f) for the purposes of a trade which consists in the reception of guests and travellers and the provision for them of living accommodation and food.”—(Captain Peter Macdonald.)

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

Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Major Young)

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.

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Alteration Purchase Tax of Rates) (No. 2) Order, 1945, dated 17th March 1945, made by the Treasury under Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of March last, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be ap-

Library (House pointed to inquire into the present state of the of Commons),
Sir James Edmondson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 26th day of this instant April, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Amendment of Law.
1. 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.

National Loans.
2. That—
   (1) the power of the Treasury to raise money under section one of the National Loans Act, 1939, shall include power to raise any money required for raising any supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and in addition a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty million pounds; and
   (2) provision shall be made for extending the powers of trustees of trustee savings banks to invest in securities issued to them under the said Act moneys received by them in respect of special investments.

The First Resolution, being read a second time, was postponed.

The Second 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. Peake do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Peake accordingly presented a Bill to extend the powers of the Treasury to raise money under section one of the National Loans Act, 1939, and to extend the powers of trustees of trustee savings banks to invest in securities issued to them under that Act moneys received by them in respect of special investments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the postponed Resolution be taken into further consideration upon Tuesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Major Young):

And it being half an hour after the conclusion of the Business exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, as modified for this Session by the Order of the House of the 30th day of November last, it being then twenty-eight minutes before Five of the clock, till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

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

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Irwell Valley Water Board) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th April 1945, entitled the Coal (Charges) (Amendment) (No. 1) Order, 1945.
Copy of Regulations, dated 26th April 1945, Pensions entitled the Increase of Pensions (General) (Amendment) Regulations, 1945.
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 Entertainment Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Cromer.
Accounts of the Metropolitan Police Fund, Metropolitan Police District.
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 Entertainment Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Cromer.

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 the First Report of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Development Board (for the period from September 1943 to December 1944).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the First Report of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Development Board (for the period from September 1943 to December 1944).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

Account showing the Nature and Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt—Unemployment Insurance.

No. 77.
Ninth Report.

Orders, &c.

Statutory Assembly) England Church of Assembly)


Copy of the Incumbents (Disability) Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.


Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c. 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, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 378), a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of April last, the Milk Marketing (Special Areas) (Scotland) (Charges) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 413), a copy of which was presented on the 24th day of April last, and the Coal (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 438), a copy of which was presented this day, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to them on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., have leave to make Two Special Reports.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee, That they had agreed to Two Special Reports which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Reports were brought up, and read.

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

New Members sworn.

David Richard Seaborn Davies, Esquire, Member for the Carnarvon District of Boroughs, was sworn.

Wing-Commander Ernest Rogers Millington, R.A.F.V.R., Member for the County of Essex (Chelmsford Division), was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Secretary Johnston, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Education (Scotland) Bill, proposed to move, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, 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 education in Scotland it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray the expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the exercise of his functions under the Acts relating to education in Scotland so far as such expenses are not met from the Education (Scotland) Fund or under subsection (2) of section one of the Reorganisation of Offices (Scotland) Act, 1939.—(Mr. Secretary Johnston.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Fish Sales (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1945, dated 31st March 1945, made by the Treasury under Section 2 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, a copy of which Order was presented on the 10th day of April last, be approved.—(Colonel Llewellin.)

Resolved, That the Milk Marketing (County of Banff) (Charges) Order, 1945, dated 27th March, 1945, made by the Treasury under Section 2 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, a copy of which Order was presented on the 10th day of April last, be approved.—(Colonel Llewellin.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Irwel Valley Water Board) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Butler presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Ministry of Education Estimates, 1945.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—That the Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to transfer the functions of the Minister of Health under the Camps Act, 1939, to the Minister of Education; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill.

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.)

Postponed Clause No. 4 (Land affected by government war work or damaged by government war use).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 44, at the end, to insert the words—“Provided that nothing in this Act shall authorise—

(a) the acquisition of—

(i) any common or open space (as those expressions are respectively defined in and for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944);—

(ii) any right restrictive of the user of any common or open space;

(b) the discharge or modification of any restriction as to the user of any common or open space except by means of a compulsory purchase order made by any of the Ministers specified in subsection (2) of this section and such order shall be provisional only and shall not have effect unless confirmed by Parliament.”—(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson.)

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

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Sir Charles MacAndrew further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Fifteen Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill): Commander Agnew, Mr. Astor, Colonel Burton, Mr. Channon, Mr. Colman, Mr. Cope, Mr. Craven-Ellis, Mr. Eccles, Mr. Emmott, Mr. Ephraim, Mr. Geddes, Captain Alan Graham, Mr. Hepworth, General Sir George Jeffreys and Captain Longhurst.

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Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

Standing Committee B.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Stopping up or diversion of highways).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 42, to leave out the words " or expedient."—(Mr. Colegate.)

Question proposed, That the words " or expedient " stand part of the Clause:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 1, to leave out from the word " section " to the end of l. 5, and insert the words " shall provide for requiring as a substitute for any highway, footpath or bridleway stopped up under the order the provision or improvement of another highway, footpath or bridleway as the case may be unless the Commission report that they are satisfied that such provision is unnecessary."

(3) An order under this section may provide for all or any of the following matters."—(Captain Duncan.)

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

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words " and the provision of means of access to any such other highway from any land to which the highway stopped or diverted afforded access."—(Mr. Colegate.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do leave the Chair.—(The Prime Minister),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Stuart):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will immediately Requisitioned resolve itself into a Committee on the Requi- tioned Land and War Works Bill.—(Mr. James Stuart);—The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 14 (Stopping up or diversion of highways).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words " and the provision of means of access to any such other highway from any land to which the highway stopped or diverted afforded access." Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, with- drawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 37, to leave out the words " authorities or."

Question, That the words " authorities or " stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words " or (iii) the payment of compensation to any person having any estate or interest in land injuriously affected by the operation of the order."—(Mr. Colegate.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 6, after the word “section,” to insert the words “shall be made only after consultation with the highway authority and.” —(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Retention of railway, tramway, &c., on highway where highway not stopped up or diverted).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that any order made under this section which authorises the use or maintenance of any such railway or tramway which has been placed along, across, over or under a highway shall, if objected to by the highway authority, be laid by the Minister before Parliament, and if either House of Parliament within the period of forty days beginning with the date upon which a copy of the report and statement are laid before it resolves that the proposals shall not be proceeded with otherwise than in accordance with the report, the Minister shall not proceed with the proposals contained in the order.

In reckoning any such period of forty days as aforesaid, no account shall be taken of any time during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued, or during which both Houses are adjourned for more than four days.” —(Sir Joseph Lamb.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 16 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Proceedings after reference to Commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 12, to leave out the word “whether.” —(Mr. Turton.)

Question, That the word “whether” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 29, to leave out from the word “Act” to the end of l. 35.—(Mr. Keeling.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Mathers; Mr. Pym: 112.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Keeling; Mr. Colegate: 33.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 38, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that any order so made shall be provisional only and shall not have effect unless and until it is confirmed by Parliament and the provisions of section two hundred and eighty-five of the Local Government Act, 1933, shall apply in relation to any such provisional order with the substitution of the Minister for the Minister of Health.” —(Mr. Colegate.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 18 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 19 agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Temporary continuance of stopping up, &c.).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 30, to leave out the words “six months,” and insert the words “twenty-eight days.” —(Mr. Turton.)

Question proposed, That the words “six months” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 21 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 22 and 23 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 24 and 25 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 26 agreed to.

Clause No. 27 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 28 (Removal of works and restoration of land).

Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided also that entry upon any land shall not be demanded as of right under paragraph (c) unless reasonable notice of the intended entry has been given to the occupier of the land.” —(Sir George Jeffreys.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words—

“(2) Where any Minister or any person acting under his authority causes injury or damage to any person or property in the exercise of his powers under subsection (1) of this section, the Minister shall be liable to pay compensation for such injury or damage.” —(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 29 agreed to.

Clause No. 30 (Compensation).

Amendments made.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, 1 and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), put, and agreed to.

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

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

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Notice was given this day that Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Education (Scotland) Bill was a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill would be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.
The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford, on the 6th day of February 1945, amending the Statutes of the University.

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 24th April 1945, entitled the Perambulators (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

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

Sir Adam Maialand 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords], and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; 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 Camps Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time [Lords.] upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the House, Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Select Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th day of April last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

CUSTOMS, EXCISE AND PURCHASE TAX.

Hops, &c., and Beer (Customs).

1. That the period for which the following duties of customs are chargeable (which expires on the fifteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-five) shall be extended by four years, namely:

(a) the duties now chargeable by virtue of subsection (1) of section one of the Finance Act, 1941, on hops, hop oil and extracts, essences or other similar preparations made from hops; and

(b) the additional duty now chargeable in respect of beer by virtue of that subsection.

Spirits (Excise).

2. That no allowance shall be paid—

(a) under section three of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1885, in respect of plain British spirits exported from or used in, or spirits in the nature of spirits of wine exported from or used or deposited in, a customs or excise warehouse; or

(b) under section six of the Finance Act, 1895, in respect of spirits used for methylation which are removed from a place of methylation and exported; or

(c) under section one of the Revenue Act, 1906, in respect of spirits (including methyl alcohol) used by an authorized methylator or received by any person for use in any art or manufacture under section eight of the Finance Act, 1902; or

(d) under section three of the Revenue Act, 1906, in respect of spirits of wine exported direct from the premises of a person licensed to rectify or compound spirits; and

subsection (5) of section forty-six of the Spirits Act, 1880 (which provides for an allowance for wastage of spirits in a distiller's spirit store) shall cease to have effect, and provision shall be made by regulations of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise in lieu of the provisions of subsection (1) of section sixty-six of the Spirits Act, 1880 (which relates to deficiencies occurring in warehouse).

Entertainments (Excise).

3. That in lieu of the exemption from entertainments duty of entertainments provided for partly educational purposes by a society, institution or committee not conducted or established for profit, there shall be an
exemption of entertainments which consist of all or any of the following items, that is to say, the items mentioned in subsection (3) of section one of the Finance Act, 1935, and the exhibition of a cinematograph film, being entertainments provided by a society, institution or committee which is not conducted or established for profit and the tax charged for the year 1944-45, 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 1945-46.

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, 1943.

Higher Rates of Income Tax for 1944-45. 7. That income tax for the year 1944-45 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.

Charges in connection with Schemes for the Rationalisation of Industry. 8. That, subject to the provisions of any Act of the present Session making further provision in connection with Finance—

(a) sums received under schemes certified by the Board of Trade under section twenty-five of the Finance Act, 1935, shall be treated for the purposes of income tax as if they were trading receipts;

(b) where any sums received under such a scheme are not so treated, contributions paid under the scheme shall, to a corresponding extent, not be allowed to be deducted under the said section; and

(c) where a certificate granted with respect to a scheme under the said section is cancelled, any funds held for the purposes of the scheme shall be chargeable to income tax.

Agreements for relief from double taxation. 9. That where any agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of any other territory makes provision for granting relief in cases where the same income is chargeable to United Kingdom income tax and the income tax payable under the laws of that territory—

(a) effect shall be given to any provision included in the agreement as to the charge of income tax in respect of income arising from sources in the United Kingdom to persons not resident in the United Kingdom, as to the income to be attributed to such persons and their agencies, branches or establishments in the United Kingdom, and as to the income to be attributed to persons resident in the United Kingdom who have special relationships with persons not resident in the United Kingdom; and

(b) if the agreement is between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of a territory which is a
Extension of time for making assessments in certain cases.

10. That assessments to income tax may be made at any time, if required in consequence of—
(a) any alteration of the amount which falls to be taken into account in respect of excess profits tax or the national defence contribution in computing the liability of any person to income tax; or
(b) any determination as to whether any allowance is receivable by any person in respect of exceptional depreciation of buildings, machinery or plant, or as to the amount of any such allowance.

Miscellaneous.

Estate Duty
(Agreements for relief from double duty).

11. That where any agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of any other territory makes provision for granting relief from double taxation in relation to estate duty payable under the laws of the United Kingdom and any duty of a similar character payable under the laws of that territory—
(a) effect shall be given to any provision included in the agreement relating to the place where any property is to be treated as being situated for estate duty purposes; and
(b) the relief to be given under the agreement shall be in lieu of any relief under subsection (4) of section seven of the Finance Act, 1894, or under section twenty of that Act, as extended by or under any other enactment.

Excess Profits Tax.

12. That the extent and incidence of excess profits tax (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to—
(a) amendments of the law relating to the computation of profits;
(b) amendments of the law relating to the time within which assessments to excess profits tax may be made; and
(c) amendments of the law relating to relief from double taxation.

National Defence Contribution.

13. That the extent and incidence of the national defence contribution (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to—
(a) amendments of the law relating to the computation of profits;
(b) amendments of the law relating to the time within which assessments to the national defence contribution may be made; and
(c) amendments of the law relating to relief from double taxation.

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

Mr. Peake accordingly presented a Bill to Finance Bill, 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 said Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Finance said Resolution and upon the other Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means and the Resolution reported from the Committee on National Debt (Permanent Annual Charge), and agreed to this day: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Peake do prepare and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the first of the Resolutions which, upon the 27th day of April last, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 26th day of April last, and which Resolution was then postponed; and the same was again read, as followeth:

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.

The National Loans Bill was, according to National Loans Bill, order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill.

Clause No. 30 (Compensation).

Question again proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill. Question put, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 31 and 32 agreed to.

Clause No. 33 (Power to acquire particular levels only and reversionary interests).

Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 38, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that the powers conferred by this subsection shall not be exercisable in relation to any minerals which are ordinarily worked
from the surface or any minerals which can only be removed by working from the surface."

—(Mr. Colegate.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 39, to leave out subsection (2).—(Brigadier-General Clifton Brown.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 34 agreed to.

Clause No. 35 (Notice to treat to acquire easements or other rights).

Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 42, to leave out from the word "and" to the end of the Clause, and add the words "is advertised in two or more newspapers circulating in the locality."—(Mr. Keeling.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 36 (Method of compulsory acquisition of easements and rights).

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

"Provided that the powers conferred by this subsection shall not be exercised except with the consent of the Commission, and the Commission shall not grant their consent to any exercise of such powers unless they are satisfied that it can be granted without injustice to any person interested in any land which would be adversely affected by the easement or right to be conferred."—(Mr. Colegate.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 19, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Colegate.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 37 (Miscellaneous provisions as to easements and rights acquired under Defence Acts).

Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 45, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Colegate.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 38 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 39 and 40 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 41 to 46 agreed to.

Clause No. 47 (Power of Ministers to defray cost of rehabilitation of land in certain circumstances).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 1, to leave out the word "may," and insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Colegate.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Where proposals involving the acquisition of land have been referred to the Commission or where a person aggrieved by a decision of a Minister under the preceding subsection has made due application to the Commission, the Commission may, if they are of opinion that the land should be dealt with in a particular manner with a view to its rehabilitation, recommend that a Minister by agreement with and on behalf of any person interested in the land shall deal with the land in that manner or that a Minister shall either conditionally or absolutely make good to any person interested the whole or any part of the expenses incurred by him in dealing with the land in that manner, in so far, in a case to which section two of the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939, applies, as those expenses exceed any sum paid or payable under paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of that section in respect of the damage."—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 12, at the end, to add the words—

"(3) Any expenses incurred in excess of any sum paid or payable under paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section two of the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939, in rehabilitating (a) any land which has been damaged by opencast coal working; or (b) any land which has been damaged by Government war work thereon or by Government war use thereof and which immediately before the commencement of the war period was used for agricultural purposes shall be deemed to have been incurred in the national interest and shall be defrayed by the Minister under the provisions of this section."—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 48 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 49 to 51 agreed to.

Clause No. 52 (Interpretation, &c.).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 7, after the first word " borough," to insert the words " non-county borough."—(Sir Dymoke White.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 16, to leave out from the word " which " to the end of l. 17, and insert the words " any Regulation authorising the requisitioning and entry on land is in force under the authority of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939."—(Mr. Colegate.)

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.

Clauses Nos. 53 and 54 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 55 agreed to.

A Clause (amending agreements)—(Mr. Peake)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 24, to leave out from the word " entitled " to the second word " to," in l. 26.—(Mr. Keeling.)
Entertainments

Cinematograph Sunday Bill.

Income Tax Bill.

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments.

PRAYERS.

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

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

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 Forestry Bill.

Second Reading of the Forestry Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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Bill 50.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Income Tax Bill:

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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That " to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to proceed further with the Bill in view of the fact that it places the general, and in part also, the detailed, work of the Forestry Commission directly under the Minister of Agriculture, that former experience both in this country and abroad has shown this to be undesirable, and further, that the Bill contains no provision for implementing the Post-War Forestry Report of the Forestry Commission on which early legislation is so urgently needed"—(Mr. Price), 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.

Bill 50.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Income Tax Bill:

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

PRAYERS.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mrs. Caxlet Keir and Lady Megan Lloyd George; and in substitution Mr. Seaborne Davies and Wing-Commander Grant-Ferris.

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

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

Second Reading of the Forestry Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That " to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to proceed further with the Bill in view of the fact that it places the general, and in part also, the detailed, work of the Forestry Commission directly under the Minister of Agriculture, that former experience both in this country and abroad has shown this to be undesirable, and further, that the Bill contains no provision for implementing the Post-War Forestry Report of the Forestry Commission on which early legislation is so urgently needed"—(Mr. Price), 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.

Bill 50.
Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the reconstitution of the Forestry Commission and as to the exercise of the functions of the Forestry Commissioners, the acquisition of land for forestry purposes and the management, use and disposal of land so acquired; and in connection with the matters aforesaid to amend the Forestry Acts, 1919 to 1927, and certain other enactments relating to the Forestry Commissioners, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament into the Forestry Fund in respect of the financial year beginning with the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and subsequent financial years of such annual amounts as Parliament may determine;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State in managing and using land vested in or acquired by them, respectively, by or under the said Act and not for the time being placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners, including any rents or other outgoings payable in respect of the land, and any administrative expenses incurred by the said Minister or the Secretary of State in consequence of the passing of the said Act;

(c) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament into the Forestry Fund of such periodical sums in respect of the land aforesaid as may be determined by the Treasury;

(d) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the said Minister or the Secretary of State from the letting or use of the land aforesaid or the grant of any interest or right in or over that land.

—[Mr. Robert Hudson.]

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Major Young reported from the Committee on Education (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to education in Scotland it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray the expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the exercise of his functions under the Acts relating to education in Scotland so far as such expenses are not met from the Education (Scotland) Fund or under subsection (2) of section one of the Reorganisation of Offices (Scotland) Act, 1939.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—[Major Young.]

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

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Speaker having, in pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), made an appointment of a Member to be Chairman of a Standing Committee, the same is here entered, and is as followeth:

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Sir Douglas Thomson Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

4th May, 1945.

[No. 74.]

Tuesday, 8th May, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Marriages Provisional Order Bill.

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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 1st May 1945, entitled the National Fire Service (General) Service, Regulations, 1945.

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 Moray and Nairn (Superannuation) Joint Committee 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.

Mr. Butler presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of (England), Regulations, dated 17th April 1945, entitled the Regulations for the Registration of Pupils at Schools, 1945.

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

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the Wages Councils directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 1st May 1945, entitled—

(i) the Wages Councils (Meetings and Procedure) Regulations, 1945, and
the Wages Councils and Central Coordinating Committees (Conditions of Office) Regulations, 1945.

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

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

Public Records (Ministry of Home Security).

Supreme Court (England) (Procedure).

Message from the Lords.

Commercial Gas Bill [Lords.]

South Suburban Gas Bill [Lords.]

Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords.]

South Shields Corporation Bill [Lords.]

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

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 2nd May, 1945, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (VE-Day), 1945.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to require the Commercial Gas Company to promote a future Bill ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to require the South Suburban Gas Company to promote a future Bill ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the transfer to the Bucks Water Board of the undertaking of the Chiltern Hills Spring Water Company ; to extend the limits within which the Board may supply water ; and for other purposes ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of South Shields with respect to the running of trolley vehicles; to confer further powers upon the Corporation with respect to their electricity undertaking; to make further provision with regard to streets buildings sewers and drains and for the local government and improvement of the borough; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Commercial Gas Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The South Suburban Gas Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The South Shields Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker having, in pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), made an appointment of a Member to be Chairman of a Standing Committee, the same is here entered, and is as follows:

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Mr. W. Glenvil Hall Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Forestry Bill.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

8th May, 1945.

[No. 75.]

Wednesday, 9th May, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Hydro-Electric Undertakings (Valuation for Rating) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Hydro-Electric Undertakings (Valuation for Rating) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

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.
The Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing 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 Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) (Scotland) [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the arrangement or the adjustment and settlement of the affairs of persons in Scotland financially affected by war circumstances it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray the remuneration and expenses of trustees to whom remits may be made by the Court under the said Act.—(The Lord Advocate.)

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 Local Government (Boundary Commission) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Willink, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Local Government (Boundary Commission) [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment of a Local Government Boundary Commission and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Commission established under the said Act and the salaries, fees and allowances of the members of the Commission and the Secretary, officers and servants of the Commission.—(Mr. Willink.)

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 do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Speaker having, in pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairman), made an appointment of a Member to be Chairman of a Standing Committee, the same is here entered, and is as followeth:

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 80 (4), I hereby nominate Mr. W. Glencil Hall Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Bill [Lords].

D. Clifton Brown,
Speaker.

9th May, 1945.

[No. 76.]

Thursday, 10th May, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Peake presented, by His Majesty's Votes of Credit,—Copy of a Statement of 1945-46.

Mr. Peake also presented, pursuant to the Bank Notes, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 8th May 1945, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd May 1945, entitled the Purchase Tax (Suspension of Registration Limit) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th May 1945, revoking and amending certain Defence Regulations.

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the Goods and Services (Price Control) Emergency Powers (Defence) Emergency (General and other Regulations). 1945.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Selection Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Bill [Lords]):

Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Clement Davies, Squadron-Leader Donner, Lieutenant-Colonel Gibbons, Sir Granville Gibson, Mr. Golase,
Mr. Gwy, Sir Patrick Hannon, Mr. Melvyn Hughes, Mr. Kendall, Lieutenant-Colonel Mr. Molesley, Mr. Peel, Dr. Peters, Captain Prescott, Mr. Silverman, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. Sutcliffe.

Standing Committee B.

Sir Charles MacAndrew further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B : Mr. Douglas, Major Mills, Mr. Godfrey Nicholson, Mr. Purbrick, Sir Malcolm Robertson, Mr. Stokes, Captain Strickland and Mr. Tinker ; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant Colonel Sir Gilbert Acland-Troyte, Major Beech, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Arthur Heneage, Mr. Mcll-lymond, Major John Morrison, Mr. Price, and Mr. Quibell.

Standing Committee B.

Sir Charles MacAndrew further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Bill [Lords]) : Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Clement Davies, Squadron-Leader Donner, Lieutenant-Colonel Gibbons, Sir Graville Gibson, Mr. Goldie, Mr. Guy, Sir Patrick Hannon, Mr. Melvyn Hughes, Mr. Kendall, Lieutenant-Colonel Marlowe, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Peat, Mr. Peters, Captain Prescott, Mr. Silverman, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. Sutcliffe.

Standing Committee B.

Sir Charles MacAndrew further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Forestry Bill) : Mr. Hubert Beaumont, Mr. Chapman, Major Conant, Colonel Sir George Court-Hope, Mr. Eccles, Mr. Edgar Granville, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Thomas Johnston, Mr. Lindsay, Major McCallum, Mr. Palmer, Dr. Peters, Colonel Ropner, Mr. Donald Scott, Mr. Snadden, Mr. Storey, Sir Dymoke White, Mr. Tom Williams and Mr. Woodburn.

Message from the Lords.

Commercial Gas Bill.

South Suburban Gas Bill.

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

The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to return to them the Commercial Gas Bill and the South Suburban Gas Bill, the same having been taken to the Commons by mistake.

The House proceeded to take the said Message into consideration:

Ordered, That the said Bills be returned to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships : And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

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

The Lords have agreed to the South Suburban Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

Message from the Lords.

Commercial Gas Bill.

South Suburban Gas Bill.

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Bill.

Bill 51.

Mr. Secretary Morrison, supported by Mr. Lyttelton, Sir Andrew Duncan, Mr. Attorney General and Miss Wilkinson, presented a Bill to provide for the application of certain Defence Regulations for purposes connected with the maintenance control and regulation of supplies and services besides the purposes for which Defence Regulations may be made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, and for the continuation of Defence Regulations so applied during a limited period notwithstanding the expiry of the said Acts ; to make provision for securing more effective Parliamentary control over Defence Regulations and orders and other instruments made thereunder ; to provide for applying during a limited period certain powers of the Minister of Supply for purposes similar to those for which Defence Regulations may be applied and otherwise for amending those powers ; 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 of the House, and on Motion relative to Bills or made on consideration of the Special Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., 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 National Loans into a Committee on the National Loans Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

Sir James Edmondson reported from the Family Committee on Family Allowances [Money], a Resolution which was read, as followeth :

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the payment of family allowances, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) allowances for families which include two or more children, in respect of each child in a family other than the elder or eldest at the rate of five shillings a week ;

(b) remuneration and allowances (including compensation for loss of remunerative effect of remunerative time) to members of any panel of referees appointed for the purposes of the said Act, and expenses in connection with references to referees so appointed and of the attendance of persons at proceedings on such references ;

(c) expenses incurred in the administration of the said Act ;

(d) sums required for giving effect to financial adjustments in connection with reciprocal arrangements made under the said Act with other countries.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Family Allowances Bill.

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Meaning of "child").

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out from the word "period" to the word "whilst," in l. 17,—(Group-Captain Wright)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Persons to whom allowances are to be paid).

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 4, to leave out the words "a court of summary jurisdiction," and insert the words "the Minister."—(Miss Rathbone.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 8, after the word "family," to insert the words "or that neither of them is a proper recipient."—(Miss Rathbone.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, after the first word "council," to insert the words "in London the county council and the metropolitan borough councils."—(Captain Duncan.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Cary: 126.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Determination of questions as to right to allowances).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words—
"Provided that in the organisation of his department the Minister shall make suitable arrangements for ensuring that in respect of claims on behalf of children resident in Scotland any question as to the right to an allowance shall be examined and recorded in Scotland."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 46, at the end, to insert the words "but shall not exclude the right of the parties to be legally represented;"—(Mr. Douglas.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 amended, and agreed to.

Clause Nos. 9 and 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Exclusion of children removed from control of parents).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 32, at the beginning, to insert the words "Except where the parents or parent continue to contribute a sum of not less than five shillings a week towards the cost of maintenance."—(Mr. Tom Brown.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 8, to leave out subsection (3), and insert the words—
"(3) A child in respect of whom there is in force a resolution under subsection (1) of section fifty-two of the Poor Law Act, 1936, of the council of a county or county borough, or of a joint committee established by an order under section three of that Act, shall not, for the purposes of this Act, be treated as included in any family."—(Sir William Jowitt.)

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

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Proposed words amended, at the end, by adding the words—
"Provided that this subsection shall not have effect as respects any period during which the child is entitled by virtue of the provision to subsection (1) of the said section fifty-two or of an Order under subsection (2) of that section of a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be, either permanently or temporarily, under the control of a person or body other than the council or joint committee"—(Mr. Douglas),—and, as amended, there inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Adjustments or exclusion in case of children for whom allowances &c. are paid under provisions relating to the services, war injury, policemen and firemen).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 42, after the word "Act," to insert the words "or of the Special Constables Act, 1914, as amended by the Special Constables Act, 1923."—(Mr. Pedd.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

When upon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Sir William Jowitt),—put, and agreed to.

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

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

Mr. Cary reported from the Committee on Forestry [Money].
adjournment.

and Orders, &c. Reports which, upon the 1st day of this instant
Statutory Rules
Committee A.
Committee B, and the Local Government
Adjustment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to Standing
this day allocated the Liabilities (War-Time
stitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker
authorise
Forestry Commissioners,
certain other enactments relating to the
amend the Forestry Acts, 1919 to 1927, and
other enactments relating to the
Parliament may determine;
(b) the payment out of moneys provided
Parliament of the expenses of the Minister
of Agriculture and Fisheries and the
Secretary of State in managing and using
land vested in or acquired by them,
respectively, by or under the said Act and
not for the time being placed at the
disposal of the Forestry Commissioners,
including any rents or other outgoings
payable in respect of the land, and any
administrative expenses incurred by
the said Minister or the Secretary of State in
consequence of the passing of the said
Act;
(c) the payment out of moneys provided
Parliament into the Forestry Fund of
such periodical sums in respect of the land
aforesaid as may be determined by the
Treasury;
(d) the payment into the Exchequer of any
sums received by the said Minister or the
Secretary of State from the letting or use
of the land aforesaid or the grant of any
interest or right in or over that land.
The said Resolution, being read a second
time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Second of the Special
Reports which, upon the 1st day of this instant
May, were made from the Select Committee on
Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., be now taken
into consideration:—The House accordingly
proceeded to take the said Report into
consideration.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to
report to the House, from time to time, any
memoranda submitted or other evidence given
to the Committee by any Government Depart-
ment in explanation of any Rule, Order or
Draft.—(Sir Charles MacAndrew.)

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Con-
stitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker
day allocated the Liabilities (War-Time
Adjustment) (Scotland) Bill 'Lords' to Standing
Committee B, and the Local Government
(Boundary Commission) Bill to Standing
Committee A.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said
Accounts to the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Library
Lords to request that their Lordships will be
pleased to give leave to Charles Travis Clay,
Esquire, Librarian to the House of Lords, to
attend to be examined as a witness before the
Select Committee on the Library (House of
Commons).—(Mr. Benson.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said
Message.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select
Committee of Selection, That they had dis-
charged the following Member from Standing
Committee B (added in respect of the Law
Reform (Contributory Negligence) Bill [Lords]):
Dr. Peters; and had appointed in substitution
the Lord Advocate.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjourn-
day, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(Sir James
Edmondson.)

The National Loans Bill was, according to
Order, read the third time and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to
Water Bill. take into consideration the Water Bill, as
amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Duty of undertakers to provide
domestic supply for new houses)—(Mr.
Willink)—was twice read; and made part of
the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 47, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(6) The provisions of subsection (2) of section twenty-three of the Mining Industry (Powers) Act, 1945, shall apply to any copies of, or extracts from journals and to any specimens or material sent to or taken or inspected by the said Committee or any officer appointed by them except so far as such journals, specimens and material contain or furnish knowledge and information as to water resources and supplies."

—(Mr. Colegate.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 56, l. 1, by inserting, at the beginning thereof, "(1."—(Mr. Molson.)

And the Question being proposed, That "(1," be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 56, l. 10, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"If it appears to the Minister, in the case of an order relating to the Metropolitan Water Board, that service of a copy of the notice on any local authority or catchment board as is referred to in sub-paragraph (i) or sub-paragraph (ii) of this paragraph is unnecessary, he may dispense with such service on that authority or board."—(Mr. Robert Morrison.)

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

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 62, l. 49, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(b) publish in the London Gazette a notice stating that an order has been made and giving the name and date of issue of a local newspaper in which a notice given in pursuance of sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph will be found; and."—(Mr. Colegate.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 74, l. 35, by leaving out from the word " reservoir " to the word " and," in l. 36, and inserting the words " a quantity of water not less than the prescribed quantity, and such water shall be discharged in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed "—(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson), instead thereof;

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 75, l. 13, by leaving out from the word " pounds " to the word " and," in l. 15, and inserting the words " and in the case of a continuing offence a further fine not exceeding twenty pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.",—(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson), instead thereof;

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

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 90, l. 47, by leaving out the word " six," and inserting the word " four "—(Mr. Alexander Walkden), instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That the word " six," stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word " four," be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 99, l. 47, by inserting, in lieu of the word " six," left out, the word " five."—(Mr. Alexander Walkden.)

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 100, l. 16, by leaving out from the first word " or " to the second word " of," in l. 17, and inserting the words " providing for depreciation of any works, plant, machinery and mains."—(Mr. Douglas), instead thereof;

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

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 106, l. 24, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"For protection () Nothing in the special area of London County Council shall take away, abridge or prejudicially affect any right, power, authority, jurisdiction or privilege of the London County Council in relation to sewerage and drainage."—(Mr. Douglas.)

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.

Resolved, That the Milk Marketing (Special Emergency Areas) (Scotland) (Charges) (Amendment) Powers Order, 1945, dated 18th April 1945, made by the Treasury under Section 2 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, a copy of which Order was presented on the 24th day of April last, be approved.—(Colonel Llewellin.)
Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Cary); And it being Four 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. Buchan-Hepburn.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 78.] Tuesday, 15th May, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

South Shields Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Pontypool Gas and Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Noel-Baker presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of War Transport under the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Trade and Payments Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Turkish Republic, signed at London, on the 4th day of May 1945 (with Protocol).

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 Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1944.

Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to paragraph (6) of Regulation 18I of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,—Report of action taken under the said Regulation during the period from the 1st day of April to the 9th day of May 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Emergency Powers (Defence) (Detention Orders) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement of Policy by His Majesty's Government on Burma.

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 6th May 1945,—

(1) adding Regulation 58AAA to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and

(2) amending Regulation 54B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th May 1945, amending Regulation 3 of the Defence (Burial, Inquests and Registration of Deaths) Regulations, 1942.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th May 1945, amending the Defence (Trading with the Enemy) Regulations, 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 25th April 1945, entitled the Linoleum and Floorcloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1945.

(2) dated 26th April 1945, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order (No. 3) Order, 1945.

(3) dated 26th April 1945, entitled the Hemping (Maximum Charges) Order, 1945, and

(4) dated 26th April, 1945, entitled the Sewing Cotton and Threads (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, by His National Parks Order, 1945.

Mr. John Dower on National Parks in England and Wales.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to Gas Special 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 Rural District Council of Ennerdale.

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 2nd May 1945, entitled the Railway and Canal Commission Rules, 1945.

Mr. Glenvil Hall reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May, and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., 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, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Purchase Tax (Suspension of Registration Limit) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 482), a copy of which was presented on the 30th day of this instant May, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to it on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

They have also considered the Acquisition of Land (Valuation for Supplemental Compensation) Regulations, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 370), a copy of which was presented on the 29th day of April last and are of the opinion that the attention of the House should be drawn to them on the ground that their form or purport calls for elucidation.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Brigadier-General Sir Ernest Mathews; and had appointed in substitution Major York.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Select Committee appointed by this House to it on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty the whole House.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council do humbly know His Majesty's pleasure when, He will be attended by this House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Income Tax Bill, Bill.

Clause No. 8 (Definition of "industrial building or structure ").

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words " and also includes any building or structure which is in use as a warehouse, bakehouse, garage or repair shop in connection with a trade and is separate from any building or structure in use wholly or partly as a retail shop."—(Sir George Schuster.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 20, after the word " constructed," to insert the words " for use as an office or."—(Mr. Eccles.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words " or will cease to belong to the person carrying on the trade on the coming to an end of a foreign concession under which the mine, oil well or other source, or the plantation, is worked."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.
Proposed words amended, in l. 1, by leaving out the word " the," and inserting the word " such," and in l. 2, by leaving out the words " carrying on the trade,"—(Mr. Eccles.)— and, as amended, there inserted.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9, agreed to.

Clause Nos. 10 and 11 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Initial allowances).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 24, after the word "incurs," to insert the words " or incurs liability for."—(Sir Harold Webbe.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Amendment of allowances under Rule 6 of Rules applicable to Cases I and II of Schedule D).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 12, to leave out subsection (1).—(Sir John Mellor.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 21, to leave out subsection (2), and insert the words—

"(2) Section eighteen (Additional deductions in case of machinery and plant) of the Finance Act, 1932, as amended by section twenty-two (Increase of additional allowance in case of machinery and plant) of the Finance Act, 1938, shall have effect as if the word "one-fourth" were substituted for the word "one-fifth.""—(Sir John Mellor.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 37, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Sir Alfred Belt.)

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. 14 (Balancing allowances and balancing charges).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 13, after the word "him," to insert the words "for the year of assessment in which the appointed day falls and for any subsequent year of assessment."—(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 15 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 16 agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Application to lessons).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 41, to leave out from the word "let" to the word "there," in l. 43.—(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "maintaining," in l. 42, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 18 to 20 agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Expenditure to which Part III applies).

Amendments made.

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years of assessment on an amount equal to one-sixth of such proceeds.”—(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 34 to 36 agreed to.

Clause No. 37 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 38 and 39 agreed to.

Clause No. 40 (Application of s. 27 of Finance Act, 1944, to certain expenditure and payments incurred or made on or before appointed day).

Amendment proposed, in p. 36, l. 31, to leave out the word “ as ” to the end of the Clause, and add the words “ a deductible expense.”—(Sir Peter Bennett.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 41 agreed to.

Clause No. 42 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 43 agreed to.

Clause No. 44 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 45 and 46 agreed to.

Clause No. 47 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 48 to 53 agreed to.

Clause No. 54 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 55 (Special provisions as to certain sales).

Amendment proposed, in p. 45, l. 38, after the word “ buyer, ” to insert the words ” but if the sale is one which is referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section the proviso to subsection (2) of section twelve shall not apply so as to deprive the seller of the initial allowance which would be due to him by virtue of the said subsection (2) of section twelve.”—(Sir Peter Bennett.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 46, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words—

“ Provided that if the purchaser notifies the Board of Inland Revenue that his claim to a deduction under Rule 6 or Rule 7 of the Rules applicable to cases I and II of Schedule D or of section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1941, or of Part IV of the Finance Act, 1944, shall be restricted to that which would have been competent to the seller no balancing allowance shall be made to or balancing charge shall be made on the seller by reason of the fact that such sale has taken place whether at such a price as the machinery or plant sold would have fetched in the open market or otherwise.”—(Sir Leslie Boyce.)

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

Another Amendment made, in p. 46, l. 23, at the end, to add the words—

“ (5) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any transfer of patent rights.”—(Sir Wavell Wakefield.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 56 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 57 to 61 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 62 and 63 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 64 and 65 agreed to.

A Clause (Meaning of “ the relevant interest ”)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Requisitioned land, holding over of leased land, and other special cases)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Temporary disuse of industrial buildings or structures)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Computation of expenditure for purposes of Rule No. 8 of No. V of Schedule A)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Expenditure on alterations to buildings in connection with the installation of machinery or plant)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 3, to leave out from the word “ trade ” to the word “ the,” in l. 4.—(Sir John Mellor.)

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

Clause added.

Another Clause (Interpretation of potential future output)—(Commander Agnew)—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 (Balancing charge or allowance)—(Lieutenant-Colonel Marlowe)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

First Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Second Schedule agreed to.

A Schedule (Supplementary provisions as to allowances for contributions towards the expenditure of other persons)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Bill 54.

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1945, dated 17th April, 1945, made by the Treasury under Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of April last, be approved.—(Captain Waterhouse.)

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

And it being half an hour after the conclusion of the Business exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, as modified for this Session by the Order of the House of the 30th day of November last, it being then ten minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two 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 Joseph Hepworth, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Bradford (East 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. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 9th May 1945, entitled the National Fire Service (General) (No. 2) Regulations, 1945.

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

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 9th May 1945, approving Admiralty Memorials relative to—(1) the institution of the rank of Warrant Recruiter, and (2) allowances for wives and other dependants of Scamen and Marines. Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th May 1945, entitled the Circuit (Wales and Chester) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th May 1945, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Development by Authorities) Regulations, 1945.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Irwell Valley Water Board) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had considered the Order contained in the Marriages Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Unopposed Bills have leave to make a Special Report relative to the Marriages Provisional Order Bill.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had agreed to a Special Report relative to the Marriages Provisional Order Bill, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read, as followeth:

The Bill seeks to confirm an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the purpose of removing any doubt as to the validity of marriages celebrated in the Church of St. Mary, Gravesend, during a period in which the church, by an oversight, was not licensed for the solemnization of marriages.

Your Committee suggest that the department concerned might consult with the appropriate ecclesiastical authorities with a view to the publication in churches of a statement whether they are or are not licensed for the solemnization of marriages.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Forestry Bill): Mr. Eccles; and had appointed in substitution Lord William Scott.

The Prime Minister reported to the House, the King appoints to be attended.

Ordered, That, to-morrow, Private Business and Questions be taken at Four of the clock and no Questions be taken after Five of the clock except Questions which have not appeared on the paper, but which are of an urgent character and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of business.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £90, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with the Resettlement of Service Personnel and War Workers, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, namely:—

Class V..., Vote 4, Ministry of Labour and National Service

Class X..., Vote 9, Ministry of Labour and National Service (War Services)

Class IV..., Vote 1, Ministry of Education

Class IV..., Vote 13, Public Education, Scotland

Class VI..., Vote 7, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Class VI..., Vote 17, Department of Agriculture for Scotland

Navy Estimates, Vote 12, Admiralty Office

Army Estimates, Vote 12, War Office

Air Estimates, Vote 10, Air Ministry

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Adjournment.  

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.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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

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

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

Thursday, 17th May, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Royal Gallery to attend His Majesty:— And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That the House had attended His Majesty this day with their Address; to which His Majesty was pleased to give this most gracious Answer:

Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That this House do now adjourn.— (Mr. Mathers.)

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

[Signed] 

Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The gallantry of the Army which fought in Europe against overwhelming odds in 1940 and the miraculous rescue from Dunkirk will ever be remembered. In the years that followed, the Army, with the Home Guard, stood ready to defend our homes against invasion. All this time a powerful instrument was being forged which, with the Forces of the Empire and Commonwealth, at first alone and later with our Allies, drove the enemy from Africa and then, landing on the shores of Sicily and Italy, and later on the Normandy beaches, swept victoriously across Europe.

We are grateful to the Royal Air Force and the Dominions and Allied Air Forces. The Royal Air Force fought and won the Battle of Britain. They share with the Royal Navy and our Armies the imperishable glory of their victories. For more than five years, hand in hand with the ever-growing magnificent Air power of the United States, they carried the war into the heart of Germany, and, by their massive onslaughts on the enemy's sources of supply, paved the way for victory in Europe.

My Armed Forces still have heavy tasks before them in the Far East, where numbers of My people are still in the power of the enemy. Already they have achieved great successes in the defence of India and the liberation of Burma. I am confident that they will carry on the war against Japan with indomitable courage and constancy and help to bring it to a victorious conclusion in true comradeship with the superb Forces of the United States and other Allies.

At home, My people have unfinchingly borne the burdens and dangers of war. The thanks and admiration of all are due to tens of millions of men and women who toiled, all at their allotted tasks, to relieve the suffering and repair the devastation caused by enemy attack. Danger could not deter My people from carrying out their daily tasks, that the life of our Nation might go on.

In field, factory, mine, office, workshop and on the lines of transport, My people have toiled day and night in a productive effort to equip and maintain the Armed Forces. Moreover, from the earliest days of the war, they have shouldered the burden of heavy taxation and have willingly contributed their savings to the country's need.

Our great people goes out to all, and it would be unfitting to single out one type of service when all have played their part.

But I must specially mention the women of this country, who, by their ready response to the calls of industry and the Fighting Services, have added so greatly to the weight of our impact on the enemy. Let us remember too the housewives of this country, so many of whom took into their homes mothers and children from the bombed cities and workers uprooted by the war.

I have done my best to discharge My duty as the Constitutional Sovereign of a free people, and in this task I have been unceasingly helped by the Queen, whose deep and active sympathy for all My subjects in pain or peril and whose firm resolve for victory have comforted Me in the darkest hours of the war. We mourn the loss of all who have laid down their lives at home and abroad. The Queen and I would wish to offer Our sympathy to those whom the war has stricken with the loss of their nearest and dearest.

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have suffered the keenest grief at the loss on active service of My Brother, the Duke of Kent.

I have felt deeply for My loyal subjects in the Channel Islands who have remained steadfast for so long under enemy occupation and it gives Me joy to know that they are once again free.

Throughout our long struggle, all of us in this island have been strengthened and cheered by the staunch and valiant support of the peoples of the British Commonwealth and Empire overseas. My Dominions, India and My Colonies have all given generously of their manpower and material resources, and all will continue to bear their share of the exertions of the war against Japan.

We refer to acknowledgement, and we shall never forget, the aid so freely and promptly given by the United States, and the brotherhood never forget, the aid so freely and promptly given by the United States, and the brotherhood of our Armed Forces serving together in various theatres under combined commands. The splendid victories of the Soviet Union, and the courage of all those other Allies who suffered and fought with us in our common struggle against aggression will ever be recorded in our hearts and in our history.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

The rebuilding of Europe will bring with it trials and difficulties which can be met and overcome if we continue to work together in faithfulness and mutual help as we have done during the war.

The ravages which we ourselves have suffered during the war will call for an intense creative effort by all members of the community to restore and improve the standard of living of My people.

The Grand Alliance of the United Nations which has brought us victory can and must continue, to ensure that the peace of the world is not again outraged and destroyed. The purposes for which the United Nations have been linked in war do not end in victory, and mankind looks forward to a time when all nations, under God's good providence, will be able to work together in mutual confidence for these exalted aims.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

This Palace of Westminster in which we meet to-day bears the scars of war, and you have faced unmoved the ordeals and the losses of these hard years. The Queen and I have been deeply touched by your congratulations and We thank you with all Our hearts for the wise counsel and unflagging support which you have given to the Kingdom and Empire throughout the war.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Irwell Valley 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 Marriages Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's command,—Copy of the International Sanitary Convention, 1944, modifying the International Sanitary Convention of the 21st day of June 1926 (signed at Washington, on the 5th, 11th, 13th, and 15th days of January 1945).


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

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, by His Workmen's Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Second Compensation.


Mr. Secretary Morrison also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order in Council entitled the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Attlee presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th May 1945, amending Regulation 56a of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to Land Drainage, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the River Great Ouse Catchment Board (Appeals against Precepts) (No. 1) Order, 1945, and on the River Great Ouse Catchment Board (Appeals against Precepts) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 11th May Animals 1945, entitled the Improvement of Livestock (England), (Licensing of Bulls) (England and Wales) Regulations, 1945.

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

Mr. Wilkink, supported by Mr. Secretary Building Johnston, presented a Bill to make provision as Restrictions (War-Time Contraventions) respects works on land carried out during the war period, and uses of land begun during that Bill.

Mr. Wilkink, supported by Mr. Secretary Housing Johnston, presented a Bill to authorise the use of open space during a limited period for temporary housing accommodation, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Mr. Wilkink, supported by Mr. Secretary Housing Johnston, presented a Bill to amend the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts, 1926, to 1942, and the Housing (Rural
Workers) (Scotland) Acts, 1926 to 1942: and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Government of Burma (Temporary Provisions) Bill. Mr. Secretary Amery presented a Bill to make temporary provision for the government of Burma: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Inshore Fishing Industry Bill (to be proceeded with under S.O. No. 6(A)). Mr. Robert Hudson, supported by Mr. Secretary Johnston, Mr. Peake, Mr. Westwood and Mr. Tom Williams, presented a Bill to authorize the provisions of financial assistance to inshore fishermen and persons desiring to engage in the inshore fishing industry: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Adjournment. (Whitsuntide). Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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.)

Family Allowances Bill, The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Family Allowances Bill.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Provisions as to reciprocal arrangements with other parts of His Majesty's Dominions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 32, to leave out the words "being a part of His Majesty's Dominions."—(Mr. Hugh Lawson.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 26 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 27 (Commencement). Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 27, after the word "force," to insert the words "on the first day of October nineteen hundred and forty-five or earlier."—(Mr. Hugh Lawson.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived. Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 25 agreed to.

A Clause (Provision as to Northern Ireland)—(Sir William Jowitt)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Tax deduction allowance for certain expenditure)—(Colonel Marlowe)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived. Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill.

Clauses Nos. 4 to 6 agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 44, to leave out subsection (3).—(Dr. Russell Thomas.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, after the word "a," to insert the word "any."—(Mr. Russell Thomas.) Question proposed, That the word "a" be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

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

And a Motion being made, the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock, on Friday morning;

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And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Willink, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Agriculture (Artificial Insemination) [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State to make contributions and establish centres for the purposes of research as to the practice of artificial insemination of livestock, to provide for the payment of grants out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of initial losses incurred in the operation of certain centres for the artificial insemination of cattle, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(1) of any expenses incurred in accordance with the provisions of the said Act by the said Minister and the Secretary of State, respectively—

(a) in contributing towards approved expenditure incurred in the conduct of research or experiment in matters affecting the practice of artificial insemination of livestock, including poultry and bees;

(b) in establishing and operating, for the purposes of such research and experiment, centres providing services of artificial insemination for any such livestock, to such amounts as may be sanctioned by the Treasury;

(2) of any sums required for the payment in accordance with the provisions of the said Act of grants in respect of losses incurred, during a period beginning on or after the 1st January 1945, and ending not later than the 31st March 1951, in the operation of centres providing services of artificial insemination for cattle in Great Britain, being centres owned and controlled by Milk Marketing Boards or other organisations carrying on business for the mutual benefit of breeders or owners of cattle; and the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the said Minister or the Secretary of State which are required by the said Act to be so paid.—(Mr. Tom Williams.)

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 the 29th day of this instant May.

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

Second Reading of the Finance Bill;

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 81.]

Friday, 18th May, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

MR. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received Messages of Congratulation upon the Victory in Europe of the Allied Nations from the Presidents of the Chambers of Egypt, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

A Motion being made, That the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Mr. James Stuart, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Pontypool Gas and Water Bill [Lords] Pontypool was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
Mr. Peake presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals in Time of War concerning the 1939-45 Star, the Africa Star, the Atlantic Star, the Air Crew Europe Star, the Italy Star, the France and Germany Star, the Pacific Star, the Burma Star and the Clasps to these Stars, the Defence Medal and Chevrons for War Service.

Mr. Peake also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th May 1945, entitled the Clearing Office (Turkey) Amendment Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Johnston presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Scottish National Parks Survey Committee on National Parks.

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 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Spearman; and had appointed in substitution Colonel Clarke.

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

(Mr. James Stiart);

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—

(Major Young).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of yesterday.

MEMORANDUM.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Agriculture (Artificial Insemination) Bill to Standing Committee A.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

MR. Speaker made the following communica-
tion to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of John William Banfield, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Wednesbury, 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 considera-
tion the London County Council (Money) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The South Shields Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

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

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 the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), was ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of a Statistical Digest, relating to the Coal Production and Consumption of Coal in 1944.

Mr. Peake presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Sum required (Supplementary), 1945, for the War, which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, 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; for Relief and Rehabilitation in Areas brought under the Control of any of the United Nations; 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.

Mr. Peake also presented, pursuant to the Purchase Tax, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd May 1945, entitled the Purchase Tax Regulations, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th May 1945, Purchase Tax entitled the Purchase Tax (Charges) (No. 2) (Charges).

Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 17th May 1945, Emergency entitled the Potatoes (1944 Crop) (Charges) (Revocation) Order, 1945.
Import Duties (Exemptions). Copy of an Order, dated 22nd May 1945, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

Sinking Funds. Account of the National Debt Commissioners, showing the Amount issued from the Exchequer and applied in the year ended the 31st day of March 1945 in respect of the Old Sinking Fund and of the New Sinking Fund (1928).

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

Metropolitan Cattle Market. Secretary Sir Donald Somervell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Moneys received and paid by the Acting Chamberlain of the City of London in relation to the Metropolitan Cattle Market for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944: And, an Account of Extraordinary Works executed, other than General Repairs, for the same period.

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

Trade Marks. Sir Walter Womersley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order by His Majesty, dated 16th May 1945, providing for the Increase of certain Air Force, Pensions and other Awards.

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

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

Goods and Services (Price Control). Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 15th May 1945, entitled the Domestic Pottery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945, and

(2) dated 17th May 1945, entitled the Wool Yarn and Wool Cloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

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


Patents, Designs and Trade Marks. Mr. Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the directions of six Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations,—

(1) dated 17th May 1945, entitled the Domestic Pottery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945, and

(2) dated 17th May 1945, entitled the Wool Yarn and Wool Cloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

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


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Destructive Insects and Pests (England). Mr. Robert Hudson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd May 1945, entitled the Importation of Plants (Amendment) Order of 1945.

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

Local Government Superannuation. Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Ossett 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.

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(S.R. & O., 1945, No. 533), a copy of which was presented this day, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to them on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

New Member makes Affirmation required by Law.

David James Williams, Esquire, Member for the County of Glamorgan (Neath Division), made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

New Member sworn.

Ronald McMillan Bell, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Newport, was sworn.

Emergency Powers (Defence) (Charges). Resolved, That the Coal (Charges) (Amendment) (No. 1) Order, 1945, dated 25th April 1945, made by the Treasury under Section 2 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, a copy of which Order was presented on the 1st day of this instant May, be approved.—(Major Lloyd George.)

Finance Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ways and Means, &c.

The House was moved, That the First, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Twelfth of the Resolutions which, upon the 3rd day of this instant May, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means and then agreed to by the House and the Resolution which, upon the 3rd day of this instant May, was reported from the Committee on National Debt (Permanent Annual Charge) and then agreed to by the House might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that the Deputy Chairman, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Peake do prepare and bring it in.

Finance (No. 2) Bill. Mr. Peake accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to the Public Revenue and the National Debt: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Local Government (Boundary Commission) (Money). Major Young reported from the Committee on Local Government (Boundary Commission) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth: That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment of a Local Government Boundary Commission and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Commission established under the said Act and the salaries, fees and allowances of the members of the Commission and the secretary, officers and servants of the Commission. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Liabilities (War Time Adjustment) (Scotland) (Money). Major Young reported from the Committee on Liabilities (War Time Adjustment) (Scotland) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth: That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the arrangement or the adjustment and settlement of the affairs of persons in Scotland financially affected by war circumstances it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray the remuneration and expenses of trustees to whom remits may be made by the Court under the said Act. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

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 statutory Second Reading of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Requisitioned Land and War Works 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 Camps Bill Second Reading of the Camps Bill [Lords]; [Lords.] Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Income Tax into consideration the Income Tax Bill, as Bill amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Building Second Reading of the Building Restrictions (War-Time Contraventions) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of Burma (Temporary Provisions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Family Allowances Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Acquisition of Land (Valuation for Supplemental Compensation) Regulations, 1945, a copy of which was presented on the 10th day of April last, be annulled—(Major Charles Taylor) —The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

[No. 83.]
Wednesday, 30th May, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. PEAKE presented by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of a further Sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for Civil Departments.
Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Parliamentary Elections.

Secretary Sir Donald Somervell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th May 1945, entitled the Electoral Registration (No. 2) Regulations, 1945.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

India Governor-General's Acts, No. 96.

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Act made by the Acting Governor-General of India under the procedure prescribed by Vol. 200,

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement concerning a Provisional Organisation for European Inland Transport, signed at London, on the 8th day of May 1945.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1945, entitled the Importation of Plants (Scotland) (Amendment) Order of 1945.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Douglas Thomson reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, That they had gone through the Education (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.
Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Statutory Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., 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, as followeth:
Your Committee have considered the Electoral Registration (No. 2) Regulations, 1945, a copy of which was presented this day, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to them on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received a Letter from Major Milner announcing his resignation of the Office of Chairman of Ways and Means, which he read to the House, as followeth:

House of Commons, S.W.1.
29th May, 1945

My dear Mr. Speaker,

Although constitutionally elected for the full term of this Parliament I think it proper, having regard to the changed situation, to tender to the House, through you, my resignation of the Office of Chairman of Ways and Means.
I regard it as a great honour to have occupied one of the chief offices in the House of Commons for something over two years in these notable and strenuous days, and I desire to thank Right Honourable and Honourable Gentlemen in all parts of the House for the courtesy and consideration they have shown to me.

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May I say that I am particularly indebted to you for your unfailing consideration and many personal kindnesses.

To the Clerks at the Table and the officials of the House generally I would also wish to express my grateful thanks for their help and assistance at all times.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

JAMES MILNER.

Colonel the Right Honourable D. Clifton Brown, M.P.,
Speaker,
House of Commons, S.W.I.

Ordered, That Mr. Charles Williams be Chairman of Ways and Means and that Sir Charles MacAndrew be Deputy Chairman.—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the surpluses and deficits upon Navy, Army and Air Grants for the year ended the 31st day of March 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 to

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy, Army and Air Departments which were presented upon the 18th, 16th, and 19th days of January last respectively be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Secretary Eden, Secretary Sir Donald Sorrenelli and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to make provision for the continuance of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, for periods of less than one year:

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy, Army and Air Departments which were presented upon the 18th, 16th, and 19th days of January last respectively be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill, as amended in the Committee:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 2, p. 2, l. 32, and Clause No. 59, p. 42, l. 44, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

The Question was amended by adding, at the end thereof, the words " and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 45, p. 34, l. 31, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Spearman."—(Mr. Spearman.)

And the Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 2, p. 2, l. 32, and Clause No. 59, p. 42, l. 44, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 45, p. 34, l. 31, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Spearman.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 45 (Increase in rental compensation under s.2 of the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939).

Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 31, to leave out the words " appointed day," and insert the words " eighth day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-five."—(Mr. Spearman.)

Question proposed, That the words " appointed day " stand part of the Clause: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 59 amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments to the Bill.

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 13, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " by Order in Council. "—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 24, by leaving out from the first word " the " to the end of l. 26, and inserting the words " works should be available as war potential "—(Mr. Turton), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.

A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral Royal Assent.
Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to bear 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 put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—I t was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"The said notice shall be published as follows, that is to say, the Minister shall—

(a) serve a copy thereof on any person to whom compensation under paragraph (a) of subsection (i) of section two or subsection (2) of section three of the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939, is in course of payment in respect of the land and, where the land is registered land within the meaning of the Land Registration Act, 1925, on every person appearing from the register to be an owner or a lessee of the land; and

(b) cause to be published a copy thereof in such newspapers, if any, and in such other manner, if any, as appear to him to be appropriate,

and the Minister shall also cause to be deposited with the said local planning authority a map identifying the land, and the authority shall permit that map to be inspected at all reasonable hours without payment.

Any notice required to be served under this subsection may be served either—

(i) by delivering it to the person on whom it is to be served; or

(ii) by leaving it at the usual or last known place of abode of that person; or

(iii) by sending it in a prepaid registered letter addressed to that person at his usual or last known place of abode; or

(iv) in the case of an incorporated company or body, by delivering it to the secretary or clerk of the company or body at their registered or principal office or sending it to a person on whom the said local planning authority made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 16, by inserting,

"The said notice shall be published as follows, that is to say, the Minister shall—

(a) serve a copy thereof on any person to whom compensation under paragraph (a) of subsection (i) of section two or subsection (2) of section three of the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939, is in course of payment in respect of the land and, where the land is registered land within the meaning of the Land Registration Act, 1925, on every person appearing from the register to be an owner or a lessee of the land; and

(b) cause to be published a copy thereof in such newspapers, if any, and in such other manner, if any, as appear to him to be appropriate,

and the Minister shall also cause to be deposited with the said local planning authority a map identifying the land, and the authority shall permit that map to be inspected at all reasonable hours without payment.

Any notice required to be served under this subsection may be served either—

(i) by delivering it to the person on whom it is to be served; or

(ii) by leaving it at the usual or last known place of abode of that person; or

(iii) by sending it in a prepaid registered letter addressed to that person at his usual or last known place of abode; or

(iv) in the case of an incorporated company or body, by delivering it to the secretary or clerk of the company or body at their registered or principal office or sending it to a person on whom the said local planning authority made to the Bill, in p. 18, l. 17, by leaving out the word "months," and inserting the words "weeks unless the Commission in their report have otherwise recommended"—(Mr. Turton), instead thereof.

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

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 19, by inserting, after the word "month," the words "not enjoying the protection of the Rent Restriction Act, 1920."—(Mr. Turton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "or expedient" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 12, by leaving out the words "or expedient."—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 18, l. 17, by leaving out the word "months," and inserting the words "weeks unless the Commission in their report have otherwise recommended"—(Mr. Turton), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "months" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 16, by inserting, after the word "subsidiary," the words "as" the words "after obtaining the opinion of the Minister of Town and Country Planning as to the general measures considered by him desirable for the restoration of land in that district."—(Mr. Turton.)

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.

Ordered, That Standing Committee A be discharged from considering the Local Government (Boundary Commission) Bill.

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

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Ordered, That Standing Committee B be discharged from considering the Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn.)
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment, The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Forestry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Supply.

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

Ways and Means.

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

Camps Bill [Lords.]

The Camps Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Commander Agnew.)
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment, Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Commander Agnew.)

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

[No. 84.]

Thursday, 31st May, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAyERS.

Mr. PEAKE presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum of guidance to the Capital Issues Committee.

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

Iraq (No. 1, 1945) Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Iraqi Government concerning Iraqi foreign exchange requirements for 1945, signed at Bagdad, on the 28th day of May 1945.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Minister of Home Security, Secretary Sir Donald Somervell presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th May 1945, entitled the Minister of Home Security (Re-transfer of Functions) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th May 1945, amending the Defence (General Regulations, 1939, and the Defence (Evacuated Areas) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th May 1945, amending the Defence (Enemy-Currency) Regulations, 1941.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Legal Aid. Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Legal Aid and Legal Advice in England and Wales.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

General Report and Accounts of the Conservators of the River Thames for 1944.

Major Neven-Spence reported from the Commitee on Group A of Private Bills, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Monday next at Eleven of the clock.

Wing-Commander Grant-Ferris reported Private Bills from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Monday next at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of the Clerks, as followeth:
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to constitute a Joint Board consisting of representatives of the County Council of the Administrative County of Devon and the Rural District Councils of Barnstaple, Bideford, Broadwoodwidger, Crediton, Holsworthy, Okehampton, Saint Thomas, South Molton, Tavistock and Torrington and the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Barnstaple; to vest in the said Board the water undertakings of certain constituent authorities and the undertaking of the Barnstaple Water Company; to authorise the Board to execute works and to supply water; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table.

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

Ordered, That no Questions for oral answer Business of the House be be taken on Monday next and Monday the 11th day of June next except Questions which are of an urgent character and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of Business.—(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 the Draft of an Order in Council entitled the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Order, 1945, a copy of which was presented on the 17th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Secretary Sir Donald Somervell.)

The Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Bill (Lords), as amended in the Standing Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords: and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments:; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Camps Bill [Lords]

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation issued under Section 130 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, by the Governor of Burma on the 10th day of December 1942, a copy of which Proclamation was presented on the 9th day of February 1943.—(Mr. Secretary Amery.)

A Motion was made, and the Question Purchase Tax being proposed, That the Purchase Tax (Suspension of Registration Limit) Order, 1945, dated 3rd May 1945, made by the Treasury under Section 23 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was...
presented on the 10th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Peake):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned,—(Sir Herbert Williams.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy, Army and Air Expenditure, 1943.

(In the Committee.)

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Services Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944 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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<td>39,883,473 12 10</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 6 and 8 to 16 towards making good the deficit in receipts under Votes 1 and 7:

1. Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.—(Mr. Peake.)

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<td>£3,833,347 12 8</td>
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<td>10,172,599 19 3</td>
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<td>2,395,180 9 0</td>
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<td>2,475,180 9 7</td>
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<td>973,241,971 14 9</td>
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Total Deficits | £731,344,971 14 9 | £304,302,521 0 8 |

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of surplus receipts realised under Votes 2 to 15 towards making good the deficit in receipts under Vote 1:

2. Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.—(Mr. Peake.)

III. Whereas it appears by the Air Services Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944 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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<td>Excesses of actual over estimated gross expenditure</td>
<td>25,790,946 16 7</td>
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Net Deficit (charged to the Vote of Credit) | £954,302,521 0 8
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. Peake.)

Schedule.

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<td>108,691,143 18 7</td>
<td>1,377,192 7 6</td>
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<td>2 Pay, etc., of the Air Force</td>
<td>114,886,605 8 5</td>
<td>24,962,209 7 6</td>
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<td>3 Quartering Non-Technical Stores and Transportation</td>
<td>59,550,378 15 7</td>
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<td>4 Technical and Warlike Stores</td>
<td>1,069,302 10 4</td>
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<td>215,366 1,249 16 4</td>
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<td>12 Balances Irrecoverable and Claims Abandoned</td>
<td>74,948 18 1</td>
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Net Deficit met from Vote of Credit £600,359,303 14 0

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — (Major Mott-Radclyffe.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes before Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 86.]

Monday, 4th June, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th May 1945, entitled the Utility Bedding (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Law presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statistics of Public Elementary and Secondary School pupils receiving Meals and Milk in Schools on a day in February 1945, under the Milk in Schools Scheme, in the area of each Local Education Authority in England and Wales.

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

Mr. Chapman presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Return showing the percentage of School Children receiving (a) Milk, under the Milk in Schools Scheme, and (b) Meals in the area of each Education Authority in Scotland on a day in February 1945.

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

Major Neven-Spence reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the East Grinstead Gas and Water Bill, and had amended the Title, as followeth: Title amended.

A Bill to provide for the conversion and consolidation of the existing capital of the East Grinstead Gas and Water Company; to authorise the Company to raise additional capital; to confer further powers upon the Company with reference to their gas and water undertakings; and for other purposes; 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.

Wing-Commander Grani-Ferris reported from Weaver the Committee on Group B of Private Bills, Navigation Bill, that they had examined the allegations of the Weaver Navigation 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
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

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

The Finance (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

The Finance (No. 2) Bill was accordingly read a second time, and passed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Distribution of Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Buildings erected under ss. 1 and 5 to comply with planning schemes)—(Mr. Lyttelton)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Distribution of Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Clause No. 1 (Application for adjustment of debtor’s affairs).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word “incurred,” to insert the words “or that his assets are worth preserving and that an adjustment on the part of his creditors whether by reducing or postponing payment of their debts or otherwise compromising the same will be of ultimate advantage to themselves as well as to the applicant.”—(Mr. Neil Maclean.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Provisions of schemes).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words—

“(i) in the case of a private company within the meaning of the Companies Act, 1929, for the settlement of debts by the issue of shares and/or debentures in such company or for the reorganisation of the capital structure of such company in order to provide shares or debentures in satisfaction in whole or in part of such debts.”—(Mr. Neil Maclean.)
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 being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Lord Advocate, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Camps Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 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.

Clause (Proceedings to take place in camera) (Mr. Neil Maclean) 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.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. James Edmondson reported from the Committee on Navy, Army and Air Expenditure, 1943, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Services Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944 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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Total Surpluses, viz.:—

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Net Deficit (charged to the Vote of Credit) £690,561,981 8 7

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of surplus receipts realised under Votes 2 to 6 and 8 to 16 towards making good the deficit in receipts under Votes 1 and 7:

Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.

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<td>Medical Expenditures and Services</td>
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<td>Clothing employed on the Work</td>
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<td>Education Services</td>
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<td>Royal Naval Reserve, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£3,084,10</td>
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<td>Naval Armaments</td>
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<td>Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad</td>
<td>£10,773,144</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Services</td>
<td>£9,084,964</td>
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<td>Non-effective Services (Naval and Marine) Officers</td>
<td>£1,288,685</td>
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<td>£1,490,316</td>
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<td>Total Surpluses</td>
<td>£683,750,591</td>
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Net Deficit met from Vote of Credit £690,561,981 8 7

II. Whereas it appears by the Army Services Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944 that, as shown in the Schedule hereunto appended, the total surpluses and deficits on Army Votes for that year are as follows:

Total Surpluses, viz.:—

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<th>Surpluses of actual as compared with estimated receipts</th>
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<td>Votes 2 to 15</td>
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<td>18,930,450</td>
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Total Deficits, viz.:—

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<td>Votes 1</td>
<td>25,790,946</td>
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Excess of actual over estimated gross expenditure... 947,451,024 | 18 | 2 | 973,411,971 | 14 | 9

Net Deficit (charged to the Vote of Credit) £694,302,521 0 8

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of surplus receipts realised under Votes 2 to 15 towards making good the deficit in receipts under Vote 1:

Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.
### Schedule

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<th>No. of Vote</th>
<th>Army Services, 1945, Votes</th>
<th>Deficits</th>
<th>Surpluses</th>
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<td>Excess of actual over estimated gross expenditure</td>
<td>Deficiencies of actual as compared with estimated Receipts</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Pay, &amp;c., of the Army Force</td>
<td>£ 1,175,359</td>
<td>£ 739,407</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Territorial Army and Reserve Forces</td>
<td>117,185,389</td>
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<td>Medical Services</td>
<td>67,967</td>
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<td>Educational Establishments</td>
<td>559,097</td>
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<td>Quartering and Movement</td>
<td>109,350,772</td>
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<td>Air Services, 1943</td>
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<td>War Office</td>
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<td>Pensions and other Non-effective Charges for late members of the Forces</td>
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<td>974,471,016</td>
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<td>Reserve and Auxiliary Forces</td>
<td>117,185,389</td>
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<td>Civil Sanitation, Compensation and Grants</td>
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<td>Balances Irrecoverable and CLAIMS Abandoned</td>
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**Net Deficit (charged to the Vote of Credit)** £499,533,918

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:

Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.

### III.

Whereas it appears by the Air Services Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944 that, as shown in the Schedule hereunto appended, the total surpluses and deficits on Air Votes for that year are as follows:

- **Total Surpluses, viz.**
  - Excesses of actual over estimated gross expenditure... £100,825,385
  - Deficiencies of actual as compared with estimated receipts... £739,407
- **Total Deficits, viz.**
  - Excesses of actual over estimated gross expenditure... £177,185,389

**Net Deficit** £600,359,303

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

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Charges) Purchase Tax (Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1945, dated 15th May 1945, made by the Treasury under Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 29th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Peake.)

Resolved, That the Clearing Office (Turkey) Debt (Amendment) Order, 1945, dated 15th May 1945, made by the Treasury under Sections 1 and 3 of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Summers.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment, (Commander Agnew.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Seven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Wadebridge Rural District Council 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the South Shields Corporation Bill [Lords], 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 7 agreed to.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Boundary Commission) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Establishment of Local Government Boundary Commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, after the word " may," to insert the words "after consultation with associations representing local authorities."—(Mr. Muff.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Power of Commission to alter areas).

Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 6, after the word "borough," to insert the words "or a non-county borough in an urban or rural district."—(Mr. Colegate.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out ll. 28 and 29.—(Mr. Rostron Duckworth.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Exercise of powers of Commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 2, after the word "situated," to insert the words "or by the council of the said district being a borough."—(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 7, to leave out from the word "borough," to the word "as," in l. 8, and insert the words "or by the councils of any two or more contiguous county districts having a combined population of seventy-five thousand."—(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 23, to leave out "or (6)."—(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson.)

Question, That "or (6)" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words—"(6) The Commission shall give notice to the council of every borough to which an order under this section relates and if within four weeks thereafter objection to the order is made by any such council and is not withdrawn the order shall be provisional only and shall be of no effect until confirmed by Parliament."—(Mr. Rostron Duckworth.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 4 to No. 7 agreed to.

A Clause (Saving for municipal corporations)—(Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Treason Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Treason Bill [Lords];

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

Supply.

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

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

Ways and Means.

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

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

Church of England (National Assembly) (Measures).

Resolved, That the Episcopal Pensions Measure, 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.—(Major Mills.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Incumbents (Disability) Measure, 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.—(Major Mills)

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

Tellers for the [Major Mills,

Sir George Courtice :

Mr. Bevan;]

Mr. Bowles;

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Incumbents (Disability) Measure, 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.—(Major Mills)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Bill;

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

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Bill;

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

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Bill;

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

Building Restrictions (War-Time Contraventions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Restrictions (War-Time Contraventions) Bill;

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

Inshore Fishing Industry Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inshore Fishing Industry Bill;

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

Ordered, That the Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Family Allowances Bill as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant June, That the Purchase Tax (Suspension of Registration Limit) Order, 1945, dated 3rd May 1945, made by the Treasury under Section 23 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 10th day of May last, be approved;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

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 Rural District Council of Ennerdale which was presented on the 15th day of May last and published, be approved.—(Sir Austin Hudson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, for adjournment, That this House do now adjourn—(Major Young)

And it being half an hour after the conclusion of the Business exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, as modified for this Session by the Order of the House of the 30th day of November last, it being then twenty minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 88.]

Wednesday, 6th June, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th May 1945, approving an Admiralty Memorial relative to the payment of a charge allowance to certain Torpedo Gunners' Mates.

Copies of Regulations, dated 31st May 1945, entitled—

1. the Nurses Agencies Regulations, 1945,
    and

2. the Nurses Regulations, 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Declaration and other Documents issued by the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the Provisional Government of the French Republic, on the 5th day of June 1945, relating to the Unconditional Surrender of Germany.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of March last, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Minutes of the Proceedings of Committees on Private Bills in Sessions 1926 to 1943-44 inclusive.

Mr. Benson reported from the Select Committee on the Library (House of Commons), That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House:—And the Report was brought up, and read, as followeth:

The Committee are of opinion that at this late period of the Session it is not in their power to complete their inquiry. They have therefore agreed to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, with Appendices, and to recommend that a Committee on the same subject be appointed in the next Session of Parliament.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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. Bracken.)

Ordered, That for the purpose of concluding the Business of Supply for the present Session, Eight days shall be allotted under the Standing Order (Business of Supply) for the consideration of the annual Navy, Army, Air and Civil Estimates, including Votes on Account; and, as respects the present Session, that Standing Order shall have effect as if in paragraph (7) of that Standing Order their Eighth day were substituted for the Twenty first day so allotted.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Finance (No. 2) Bill was, according to Finance (No. 2) 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 Mr. Speaker's within the meaning of the Parliament Act, Certificate. 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN,
Speaker.

The House, according to Order, resolved Housing itself into a Committee on the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1945:

Class VI.

Vote 16a. Ministry of Civil Aviation.

£3,536,010, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the Committee.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate, Friday next.

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

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

And it being half an hour after the conclusion of the Business exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, as modified for this Session by the Order of the House of the 30th day of November last, it being then one minute before Ten of the clock, till to-morrow.
The House met at a quarter of an hour after two 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.:

Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Promoters of any Private Bill which has originated in this House, or been brought from the House of Lords in the present Session of Parliament shall have leave to suspend any further proceeding thereon in order to proceed with the same, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Promoters of any such Bill shall give notice in the Committee and Private Bill Office, not later than the day before the close of the present Session, of their intention so to suspend further proceedings, or, in the case of any Bill which, having passed this House, is then pending in the House of Lords, notice of their intention to proceed with the same Bill in this House in the next Session, provided also that all fees due upon any such Bill up to that date be paid.

Ordered, That not later than Five of the clock on the third day on which the House sits after the next meeting of Parliament, every such Bill which has originated in this House shall be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill with respect to which proceedings have been so suspended at the last stage of its proceeding in this House in the present Session; and, as soon as conveniently may be in the next Session of Parliament, every such Bill shall be presented by being laid by one of the Clerks in the Committee and Private Bill Office upon the Table of the House.

Ordered, That every Bill so laid upon the Table shall be deemed to have been read the first time and to have been ordered to be read a second time; or, if it has been read a second time previously to its being suspended, it shall be deemed to have been read a second time, and shall be recorded in the Votes as having been so read, or so read and ordered, as the case may be; and, if such Bill has been reported by any Committee in the present Session, the Committee Stage shall be dispensed with, and the Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or to be read the third time, as the case may be.

Ordered, That in case any Bill brought from the House of Lords in the present Session, upon which the proceedings have been suspended in this House, shall be brought from the House of Lords in the next Session of Parliament, a declaration, signed as aforesaid, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the present Session, shall be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office before the First Reading of such Bill: and such Bill shall be read the first time and be further proceeded with in the same manner as Bills introduced into this House during the present Session, with this modification that if any such Bill has been amended in this House in the present Session, such Amendments shall be deemed to have been made in Committee and the Bill, as amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table or, if the Bill has been ordered to be read the third time in the present Session, to be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to any such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same has passed during the present Session, and that no further fees be charged in respect of such stages.

Ordered, That all Petitions presented in the present Session against any Private Bill or against any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Certificate which stood referred to the Committee on the Bill shall stand referred to the Committee on the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament; and that all notices and grounds of objection to the right of Petitioners to be heard within the time prescribed by the Rules of the Court of Referees relating to such notices shall be held applicable in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That no Petitioners shall be heard before the Committee on any such Bill unless their Petition has been presented within the time limited in the present Session.

Ordered, That in case the time limited for presenting Petitions against any such Bill has not expired at the close of the present Session, the Petitioners may be heard before the Committee on such Bill, provided their Petition be presented previous to, or not later than, seven clear days after the next meeting of Parliament.

Ordered, That all Instructions to Committees on Private Bills in the present Session, which are suspended previously to their being reported by any Committee, be Instructions to the Committee on the same Bills in the next Session.

Ordered, That any Standing Orders complied with in respect of any Private Bill or Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Certificate, originating in the House of Lords, upon which the proceedings have been suspended in that House, shall be deemed to have been complied with in respect of such Bill, if the same is brought from the House of Lords in the next Session of Parliament, and any notices published and given, and any deposits made, in respect of such Bill for the present Session shall be held to have been published, given, and made, respectively, for the Bill so brought from the House of Lords in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That all Standing Orders complied with in respect of any Public Bill introduced, or intended to be introduced, during the present Session shall be held applicable to any Bill for the same objects introduced in the next Session, and where the Examiner has already reported
upon the compliance with the Standing Orders in respect of any such Bill he shall only report in the next Session whether any further Standing Orders are applicable.

Ordered, That all Bills to confirm any Provisional Order or Certificate introduced into this House in the present Session, shall be suspended from the close of the present Session, in order to be proceeded with in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That with regard to any such Bills the entry in the Joffner recording the presentation thereof in the present Session shall be read and thereupon the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time and shall be recorded in the Votes as having been so read (if the Bill shall have been read a second time during the present Session); and if such Bill has been reported by a Committee in the present Session, the Committee Stage shall be dispensed with, and the Bill ordered to be considered or to be read the third time, as the case may be.

Ordered, That the said Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That the said Orders be communicated to the Lords: And that the Clerk do communicate the same.

Secretory Sir Donald Somervell presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Sixteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Racecourse Betting Control Board, for 1944.

Copy of the Report of the Inspector under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, for 1944.

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

Mr. Law presented pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th May 1945, entitled the Central Welsh Board Amending Regulations, 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 29th May 1945, entitled the Primary and Secondary Schools (Grant-Conditions) Regulations, 1945.

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

Wing-Commander Grant-Ferris reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Monday next at Two of the clock.

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

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions, viz.:

That the promotors of every Private or Provisional Order Confirmation Bill and petitioners for Estate Bills which shall have been introduced into or presented to this House in the present Session of Parliament, and which shall have passed this House and been sent to the House of Commons, or which shall be pending in this House, shall have leave to introduce or present the same in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than Noon on the last sitting day of the present Session; and provided that all fees due by them thereon, up to that period, be paid.

That an alphabetical list of all such Bills, with a statement of the stages at which they shall have arrived, shall be prepared in the Private Bill Office, and printed.

That every such Bill which has originated in this House shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than Three o’clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament for business other than judicial business, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed in the case of a Private Bill by the agent, and in the case of a Provisional Order Confirmation Bill by an officer of the department by which the Orders to be confirmed by such Bill are made, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session.

That in case any such Bill brought from the House of Commons in the present Session, upon which the proceedings shall have been suspended in this House, shall be brought from the House of Commons in the next Session of Parliament, the agent for such Bill, or an officer of the department, as the case may be, shall deposit in the Private Bill Office after the Bill shall have passed the House of Commons and prior to the First Reading thereof in this House, a declaration stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session.

That such Bills shall thereupon be deemed to have been passed through every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session: and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages.

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to any Private or Provisional Order Confirmation Bill which shall have originated in this House or been brought up from the House of Commons in the present Session, in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed.

That every certificate from the Examiners of Standing Orders for Private Bills given in respect of any Private or Provisional Order Confirmation Bill originating in the House of Commons, upon which the proceedings shall have been suspended in that House in the present Session, shall be deemed to have been given in respect of such Bill, if the same shall be brought from the House of Commons, in the next Session of Parliament, and any notices published and served, and any deposits made in respect of such Bill, in respect of the present Session shall be held to have been published, served and made respectively for the Bill so brought from the House of Commons in the next Session of Parliament.

That all petitions presented in this Session relating to any Private Bill shall, if necessary, be referred to the Committee on the Bill in the next Session.

That no petitioners shall be heard before the Committee on any Bill unless their petition shall have been presented within the time limited in the present Session, unless that time shall not have expired before
it closes, in which case, in order to be heard, their petition shall be presented not later than the fourth day on which the House shall sit for business other than judicial business in the next Session.

The Lords have agreed to the Government of Burma (Temporary Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Income Tax Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Port Glasgow Gas and Burgh; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Port Glasgow Gas and Burgh Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

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 Four 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 the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The Prime Minister, supported by Secretary Sir Donald Somervell and Mr. Chapman, presented a Bill to postpone polling day in certain constituencies at the forthcoming general election: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1945.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £70, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the services connected with Housing for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1945.

| Class VII., Vote 4, Ministry of Works | 16 |
| Class VII., Vote 5, Miscellaneous Works Services | 10 |
| Class X., Vote 16, Ministry of Works (War Services) | 10 |
| Class V., Vote 1, Ministry of Health | 10 |
| Class V., Vote 4, Ministry of Labour and National Service | 10 |
| Class V., Vote 16, Department of Health for Scotland | 10 |
| Class X., Vote 18, Department of Health for Scotland (War Services) | 10 |
| Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Cary)—put, and agreed to. |

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

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

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

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

[No. 90.]

Friday, 8th June, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Pray ers.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Port Glasgow Gas and Burgh Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] to take into consideration the Port Glasgow Gas and Burgh Order Confirmation Bill [Lords], and to read the third time Bill [Lords.] upon Monday next.

The House was moved, That the Order Port Glasgow made upon the 7th day of this instant, June, Gas and Burgh Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] be read, might be read; and the same being read; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Mr. Pethick presented, by His Majesty’s National Debt Command.—Papers relative to the position, as at the 31st day of March 1945, of certain Funds left in Trust for the Reduction of the National Debt.

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

Mr. Willink presented, pursuant to the Local Government Act, 1937, a Scheme made by the Rawtenstall 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message from His Majesty’s National Debt Command, that he had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Education (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Hydro-Electric Undertakings (Valuation for Rating) (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Forestry Bill, Forestry Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Marriages Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1945.

(Expenditure arising out of the War.)

Resolved, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,750,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the expenses which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, 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 for the life of the community; for relief and rehabilitation in areas brought under the control of any of the United Nations; 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 upon Monday next.

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

Major Mott-Radclyffe reported from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant June, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1945.

Class VI.

Vote 16A. Ministry of Civil Aviation.

That a sum, not exceeding £3,536,010, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Commander Agnew.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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Officers and Soldiers deceased in consequence of Service during the Great War.

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 26th March 1945, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 26th April 1944, as amended by a subsequent Order, and included in a Volume entitled Regulations for the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service (3rd Edition, October 1939),

(2) dated 9th April 1945, making special provision with regard to the disposal of pay due to officers and airmen who are prisoners of war in the Far East,

(3) dated 16th April 1945, making special provision for the grant of duty pay in certain circumstances to Gunners, Group V, of the rank of corporal or below and amending His Majesty's Order, dated 5th May 1943, which made provision for the grant of duty pay in certain circumstances to Gunners, Group V, of the classification of leading aircraftman, or below,

(4) dated 16th April 1945, making special provision with regard to allowances and compulsory stoppages of pay in respect of the separated and divorced wives of airmen, and

(5) dated 27th April 1945, making special provision with regard to the issue of additional pay to airmen employed as divers and divers' attendants.

Copy of an Order, dated 28th April 1945, further amending, in certain respects, the Regulations appended to the Order of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, dated 18th October 1932, and included in a volume entitled Regulations for the Royal Air Force Reserve, including the Reserve of Air Force Officers and Men of the Royal Air Force Reserve, as amended by subsequent Orders.

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

Mr. 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 Distribution of Industry Bill, without any Amendment.

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

Air Force Reserve.

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. Bracken.)

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

Civil Estimates, 1945.

1. Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £36,271,562, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following Departments connected with the Health of the Nation which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, namely:

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The total amount is £36,271,562.

2. Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £62,052,140, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following Departments connected with Education which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, namely:

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<td>Public Education, Scotland</td>
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The total amount is £62,052,140.

The Chairman then proceeded, pursuant to Questions on outstanding Votes put to Order, to proceed thus:—

Ordered, That the Chairperson put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the several Classes of the Civil Estimates, and the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Revenue Departments, the Navy, the Army and the Air Services be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates:

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The total amount is £78,114,780.

3. That a sum, not exceeding £3,112,629, 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 1946, for Expenditure connected with the Health of the Nation, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>2. House of Commons</td>
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<td>3. Registration of Electors</td>
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<td>4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments</td>
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<td>5. Privy Council Office</td>
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<td>7. Charity Commission</td>
<td>23,660</td>
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<td>8. Civil Service Commission</td>
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<td>9. Exchequer and Audit Department</td>
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<td>10. Government Actuary</td>
<td>15,970</td>
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<td>11. Government Chemist</td>
<td>80,131</td>
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<td>12. Government Hospitality</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<td>13. The Mint</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>14. National Debt Office</td>
<td>5,892</td>
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<td>15. National Savings Committee</td>
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The total amount is £1,375,970.
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 1946 for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.—

1. British Museum ………………………………………… £104,815
2. British Museum [Natural History] ………………… £70,391
3. Imperial War Museum …………………………… £9,030
4. London Museum …………………………………… £6,985
5. National Gallery …………………………………… £88,935
7. National Portrait Gallery …………………………… £7,371
8. Wallace Collection ………………………………… £9,941
9. Scientific Investigation, &c. ……………………… £49,646
10. Universities and Colleges, &c., Great Britain … £3,900,000
11. Scottish Home Department …………………… £5,000,000
12. National Galleries ………………………………… £12,523
13. National Library ………………………………… £2,403

Total ……………………………………………………… £9,567,856

That a sum, not exceeding £18,353,198, 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 1946, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.—

1. Registrar-General’s Office …………………………… £21,649
2. Ministry of Labour and National Service …………… £17,040,000
3. Grants in respect of Employment Schemes ………… £1,130,000
4. Commissioner for Special Areas (England and Wales) … £90
5. Special Areas Fund ………………………………… £715,000
6. Financial Assistance in Special and Other Areas … £66,800
7. Assistance Board …………………………………… £3,800,000
8. National Insurance–Audit Department ……………… £100,200
9. Friendly Societies Registry ………………………… £31,480
10. Old Age Pensions ………………………………… £36,750,000
11. Wives’, Orphans’ and Widows’ Contributory Pensions … £16,250,000
12. Supplementary Pensions ………………………… £41,920,000
13. Board of Control …………………………………… £30,207
14. Registrar-General’s Office ………………………… £164,370
15. Commissioner for Special Areas ………………… £288,840

Total ……………………………………………………… £18,353,198

That a sum, not exceeding £18,482,420, 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 1946, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.—

1. Board of Trade ……………………………………… £1,704,935
2. Mercantile Marine Services ……………………… £1,008,545
3. Department of Overseas Trade ………………… £374,933
4. Export Credits ……………………………………… £90
5. Ministry of Fuel and Power ……………………… £2,100,000
6. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands …………… £24,039
7. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries …………… £3,191,376
8. Surveys of Great Britain, &c. …………………….. £724,925
9. Forestry Commission ……………………………… £675,000
10. Roads, &c. ………………………………………… £5,674,400
11. Miscellaneous Transport Services ………………… £157
12. Development Fund ……………………………… £604,000
13. Development Grants ……………………………… £284,800
14. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research … £1,055,271
15. State Management Districts ……………………… £90
16. Clearing Offices ………………………………… £90

Total ……………………………………………………… £18,482,420
be granted to His Majesty, to complete the expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Houses of Parliament Buildings ... 81,750
2. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain ... 70,030
3. Osborne ... 17,900
4. Ministry of Works ... 4,195,070
5. Miscellaneous Works Services ... 5,845,065
6. Public Buildings Overseas ... 227,200
7. Royal Palaces ... 77,735
8. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens ... 151,910
9. Rates on Government Property ... 2,327,142
10. Stationery and Printing ... 3,073,011
11. Peterhead Harbour ... 7,000
12. Works and Buildings in Ireland ... 29,320

\[ £16,656,233 \]

Question put; and agreed to.

Class VIII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £25,680,053, 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 1946, for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions ... 202,053
2. Ministry of Pensions ... 22,428,000
3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c. ... 800,000
4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances ... 2,250,000

\[ £25,680,053 \]

Question put; and agreed to.

Class IX.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £34,145,859, 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 1946, for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales ... 28,518,000
2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland ... 5,627,859

\[ £34,145,859 \]

Question put; and agreed to.

Class X.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £1,440, 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 1946, for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class X of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (War Services) ... 90
2. Ministry of Aircraft Production ... 90
3. Ministry of Economic Warfare ... 90
5. Ministry of Fuel and Power (War Services) ... 90

\[ £1,440 \]

Question put; and agreed to.

Army Estimates, 1945.

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 1946, for expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

1. Territorial Army and Reserve Forces ... 100
3. Medical Services ... 100
4. Educational Establishments ... 100
5. Quartering and Movements ... 100

\[ £1,400 \]
The Postponement of Polling Day Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The Postponement of Polling Day Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Family Allowances Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Adjustment in case of children for whom supplementary allowances, &c., are paid under certain provisions)—(Mr. Hore Belisha)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Adjustment in case of children for whom equivalent benefits are provided under provisions relating to the services and to war injury)—(Mr. Hore Belisha)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

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

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

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

And it being half an hour after the conclusion of the Business exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, as modified for this Session by the Order of the House of the 30th day of November last, it being then ten minutes before Ten of the clock, till to-morrow.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. Charles Williams, the Chairman of Ways and Means, at the request of Mr. Speaker, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of David Owen Evans, Esquire, Member for the County of Cardigan, 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 Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Emrys-Evans presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on Migration within the British Commonwealth.

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

Mr. William Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th June 1945, entitled the Town and Country Planning Amendment Regulations, 1945.

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

Mr. Hore-Belisha presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum by the Minister of National Insurance explanatory of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill.

Orderd, 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:

Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on the 5th day of January 1945.

Adjourned Motions under Standing Order (Motion for Adjournment on Matter of Urgent Public Importance).

Orderd, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Motions for Adjournment under the Standing Order (Motion for Adjournment on Matter of Urgent Public Importance), showing the date of such Motion, the name of the Member proposing, the definite matter of urgent public importance, and the result of any Division taken thereon, during the Sessions of 1939-40, 1940-41, 1941-42, 1942-43, 1943-44 and 1944-45.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Orderd, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting application of the Standing Order (Closure of Debate) during the Sessions of 1939-40, 1940-41, 1941-42, 1942-43, 1943-44 and 1944-45 (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:

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<td>Question before Committee when moved</td>
<td>Whether Motion given to Motion for withdrawal by Speaker or Chairman</td>
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Orderd, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders introduced into the House of Commons and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in the Session of 1944-45:

Of all the Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in the Session of 1944-45, have been reported on by Committees on Opposed Private Bills or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the names of the selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last day of the sitting of each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each selected Member has served; the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; and, in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed:

Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in the Session of 1944-45, 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; and 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, those Bills being specified which have been referred to Committees and dropped during the sittings of the Committee.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Orderd, That there be laid before this House, Public Bills, a Return of the number of Public Bills, distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during the Session of 1944-45, showing the number which reached the Royal Assent; the number which were passed by this House, but not by the House of Lords; the number passed by the House of Lords, but not by this House; and distinguishing the stages at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal Assent were dropped or postponed and rejected in either House of Parliament.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Orderd, That there be laid before this House, Public Petitions, a Return of the number of Public Petitions presented and printed in the Session of 1944-45, with the total number of signatures in that Session.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Orderd, That there be laid before this House, Select Committees, a Return of the number of Select Committees appointed in the Session of 1944-45, 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; also the
total number of Members who served on Select Committees.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of (1) the days on which the House sat in the Sessions of 1939-40, 1940-41, 1941-42, 1942-43, 1943-44 and 1944-45, stating for each day the date of the month and day of the week, the hour of the meeting, and the hour of adjournment; and the total number of hours occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after the time appointed for the interruption of Business; and the number of entries in each day’s Votes and Proceedings; and (2) the days on which Business of Supply was considered.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return for the Sessions of 1939-40, 1940-41, 1941-42, 1942-43, 1943-44 and 1944-45 of (1) the total number and the names of all Members (including and distinguishing Chairmen) who have been appointed to serve on one or more of the five Standing Committees appointed under the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees), showing, with regard to each of such Members, the number of sittings to which he was summoned, and at which he was present; and (2) the number of Bills considered by all and by each of the Standing Committees, the number of days on which each Committee sat, and the names of all Bills considered by a Standing Committee, distinguishing where a Bill was a Government Bill or was brought from the House of Lords, and showing, in the case of each Bill, the particular Standing Committee by whom it was considered, the number of days on which it was considered by the Committee, and the number of Members present on each of those days.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

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 Finance (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Boundary Commission) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Standing Orders of Supply, and that if the first Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of June last, be approved, the Business of Supply may be taken before a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers on the Mid Southern Utility Company with respect to their water undertaking; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Mid Southern Utility Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Sir Ashton Pownall reported from the Public Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Mr. Hort-Belisha, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Secretary Sir Donald Somervell, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Peake, and Mr. Peat, presented a Bill to substitute for the Workmen’s Compensation Acts, 1925 to 1943, a system of insurance against personal injury caused by accident arising out of and in the course of a person’s employment and against prescribed diseases and injuries due to the nature of a person’s employment, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Business of Supply), the Report of the Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1945, may be considered hereafter or after a quarter of an hour after Nine of the clock, and Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before a quarter of an hour after Nine of the clock; and that if the first Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant June shall have been agreed to before a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker shall proceed to put forthwith the Questions which he is directed to put at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock by paragraph (9) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply), as modified by the Order of the House of the 8th day of March last.—(The Prime Minister.)

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.)

Mr. Cary reported from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant June, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates, 1945.

1. That a further sum, not exceeding £36,271,562, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following Departments connected with the Health of the Nation which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1945.

Class V., Vote 1, Ministry of Health...
Class X., Vote 6, Ministry of Health (War Services) ...
Class V., Vote 2, Board of Control ...
Class V., Vote 16, Department of Health for Scotland...
Class X., Vote 18, Department of Health for Scotland (War Services)...
Class X., Vote 4, Ministry of Food...
Class V., Vote 9, Ministry of National Insurance...

£36,271,562
Education.

2. That a further sum, not exceeding £62,952,140, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following Departments connected with Education which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, namely:

Class IV. Vote 16, Ministry of Education (Scotland)...
Class IV. Vote 17, Public Education, Scotland...

£55,597,780
£4,444,160

£62,952,140

Civil Estimates, 1945.

Class I.

3. That a sum, not exceeding £3,112,629, 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 1946, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. House of Lords Offices...
2. House of Commons...
3. Registration of Electors...
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments...
5. Privy Council Office...
6. Privy Seal Office...
7. Charity Commission...
8. Civil Service Commission...
9. Exchequer and Audit Department...
10. Government Actuary...
11. Government Chemist...
12. Government Hospitality...
13. The Mint...
14. National Debt Office...
15. National Savings Committee...
16. Public Record Office...
17. Public Works Loan Commission...
18. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund...
19. Royal Commissions, &c.,...
20. Miscellaneous Expenses...
21. Secret Service...
22. Tithe Redemption Commissioners...
23. Ministry of Town and Country Planning...
24. Scottish Home Department...

£3,112,629

Class II.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £20,717,945, 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 1946, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Foreign Office...
2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c.,...
3. British Council...
4. League of Nations...
5. Dominions Office...
6. Dominion Services...
7. Overseas Settlement...
8. Colonial Office...
9. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services...
10. West African Cocoa Control (Disposal of Produce)...
11. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.)...
12. Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories)...
13. India and Burma Services...
14. Imperial War Graves Commission...

£20,717,945

Class III.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £11,727,490, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Home Office...
2. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum...
3. Police, England and Wales...
4. Prisons, England and Wales...
5. Approved Schools, &c., England and Wales...
6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c.,...
7. County Courts...
8. Land Registry...
9. Public Trustee...
10. Law Charges and Courts of Law...
11. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses...
12. Police...
13. Prisons...
14. Approved Schools, &c.,...
15. Scottish Land Court...
16. Law Charges and Courts of Law...
17. Register House, Edinburgh...
18. Northern Ireland Services...
19. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland...
20. Irish Land Purchase Services...

£11,727,490

Class IV.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £9,597,865, 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 1946, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

2. British Museum...
3. British Museum (Natural History)...
4. Imperial War Museum...
5. Londen Museum...
6. National Gallery...
7. National Maritime Museum...
8. National Portrait Gallery...
9. Wallace Collection...
10. Scientific Investigation, &c.,...
11. Universities and Colleges, &c.,...
12. Broadcasting...
13. National Galleries...
14. National Library...

£9,597,865

Class V.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £118,353,198, 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 1946, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

3. Registrar-General's Office...
4. Ministry of Labour and National Service...
5. Grants in respect of Employment Schemes...
6. Commissioner for Special Areas (England and Wales)...
7. Special Areas Fund...

£118,353,198
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<td>2. Mercantile Marine Services</td>
<td>1,008,154</td>
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<td>3. Department of Overseas Trade</td>
<td>374,903</td>
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<td>4. Export Credits</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>5. Ministry of Fuel and Power</td>
<td>2,100,000</td>
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<td>6. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
<td>43,049</td>
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<td>7. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</td>
<td>3,101,376</td>
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<td>8. Surveys of Great Britain, &amp;c.</td>
<td>774,995</td>
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<td>9. Forestry Commission</td>
<td>675,000</td>
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<td>10. Roads, &amp;c.</td>
<td>5,674,400</td>
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<td>32,143</td>
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<td>284,800</td>
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<td>1,055,271</td>
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<td>90</td>
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<td>16. Clearing Offices</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>17. Department of Agriculture</td>
<td>643,472</td>
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<td>18. Fisheries</td>
<td>29,932</td>
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<td>19. Herring Industry</td>
<td>295,000</td>
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<td>70,030</td>
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<td>3. Osborne</td>
<td>17,900</td>
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<td>4. Ministry of Works</td>
<td>4,195,070</td>
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<td>5. Miscellaneous Works Services</td>
<td>5,845,065</td>
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<td>6. Public Buildings Overseas</td>
<td>227,200</td>
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<td>7. Royal Palaces</td>
<td>77,735</td>
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<td>8. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
<td>131,910</td>
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<td>9. Rates on Government Property</td>
<td>2,127,142</td>
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<td>10. Stationery and Printing</td>
<td>3,739,011</td>
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<td>11. Peterhead Harbour</td>
<td>7,000</td>
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<td>12. Works and Buildings in Ireland</td>
<td>29,320</td>
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<td><strong>Class VII.</strong></td>
<td><strong>£16,766,233</strong></td>
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<td>9. Ministry of Production</td>
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<td>14. Ministry of Works (War Services)</td>
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<td>15. Scottish Home Department (War Services)</td>
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<td>4,195,070</td>
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<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
<td>9,842,790</td>
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<td>3. Post Office</td>
<td>81,000,000</td>
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<td><strong>Revenue Departments Estimates, 1945.</strong></td>
<td><strong>£92,672,390</strong></td>
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13. That a sum, not exceeding £92,672,390, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, 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>
<td>202,053</td>
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<td>2. Ministry of Pensions</td>
<td>22,428,000</td>
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<td>3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>800,000</td>
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<td>4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
<td>2,250,000</td>
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<td><strong>Class IX.</strong></td>
<td><strong>£25,680,053</strong></td>
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12. That a sum, not exceeding £34,145,859, 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 1946, 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>
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<td>2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland</td>
<td>5,627,859</td>
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<td><strong>Class X.</strong></td>
<td><strong>£34,145,859</strong></td>
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11. That a sum, not exceeding £1,440, 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 1946, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class X of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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Navy Estimates, 1945.

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 1946, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy
3. Medical Establishments and Services
4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services
5. Educational Services
6. Scientific Services
7. Royal Naval Reserves
8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c. —
   Section I.—Personnel
   Section II.—Materiel
   Section III.—Contract Work
9. Naval Armaments
10. Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad
11. Miscellaneous Effective Services
12. Admiralty Office
13. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Officers
14. Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Men
15. Civil Superannuation, Allowances and Gratuities

£1,700

Army Estimates, 1945.

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 1946, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

2. Territorial Army and Reserve Forces
3. Medical Services
4. Educational Establishments
5. Quartering and Movements
6. Supplies, Road Transport and Remounts
7. Clothing
8. General Stores
9. Warlike Stores
10. Works, Buildings and Lands
11. Miscellaneous Effective Services
12. War Office
13. Half-Pay, Retired Pay and other Non-Effective Charges for Officers
14. Pensions and other Non-Effective Charges for Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Men and others
15. Civil Superannuation, Compensation and Gratuities

£1,400

Air Estimates, 1945.

16. 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 1946, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

2. Quartering, Non-Technical Stores, Supplies and Transportation
3. Technical and Warlike Stores
4. Works, Buildings and Lands
5. Medical Services
6. Educational Services
7. Reserve and Auxiliary Forces
8. Civil Aviation
9. Meteorological and Miscellaneous Effective Services
10. Air Ministry
11. Half-Pay, Pensions, and other Non-Effective Services

£1,000

The First Resolution being read a second time;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business of Supply), as modified by the Order of the House of the 8th day of March last, to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Resolution under consideration.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class I of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Questions on outstanding Resolutions put, pursuant to S.O. (Business of Supply).

Civil Estimates, 1945.

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 I of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class II.

Foreign and Imperial.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class II of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class III.

Home Department, 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 III of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class IV.

Education and Broadcasting.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class IV of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class V.

Health, Labour and Insurance.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class V of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VI.

Trade, Industry and Transport.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class VI of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Class VII.
Common Services (Works, Stationery, &c.).
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class VII of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VIII.
Non-effective Charges (Pensions).
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class VIII of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class IX.
Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class IX of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class X.
War Services.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class X of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Navy Estimates, 1945.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Navy Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Army Estimates, 1945.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Army Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Air Estimates, 1945.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Air Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Cary reported from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant June, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1945.
(Expenditure arising out of the War.)

That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,750,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the expenses which may be incurred during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, 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; for relief and rehabilitation in areas brought under the control of any of the United Nations; 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. Cary reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 11th day of this instant June, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, the sum of £2,206,991,334 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. Peake do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Peake 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-six, 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, resolved itself into a Committee on the Postponement of Polling Day Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Schedule.
Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, col. 1, at the end, to insert the word "Newport."—(Sir Charles Edwards.)
Question, That the word "Newport" be there inserted, put, and negatived.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved the Treasury Bill itself into a Committee on the Treasury Bill [Lords.]

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the East Grinstead Gas and Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205, relating to Private Business, 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.

Mr. Peake presented, by His Majesty’s Government Command, Minute concerning the Distribution Surplus Stores to bombed-out Families.

Mr. Peake also presented, pursuant to the Import Duties directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Exemptions) Order, dated 12th June 1945, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the Nurses Agencies (Scotland) Regulations, dated 31st May 1945, entitled the Nurses (Scotland) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 31st May 1945, Nurses Agencies (Scotland) Regulations, 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Amery presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement of the Policy of His Majesty’s Government on India.

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

Mr. Secretary Stanley presented, pursuant to Colonies the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Development and Welfare) Order, 1945.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to Electricity the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Railway Rates Tribunal (for 1944).

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

Captain Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to Railways the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Railway Rates Tribunal (for 1944).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Adjournment Motions under the Standing Order (Motion for Adjournment on Matter of Urgent Public Importance).

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 26).

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Public Bills and Private Business.

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Public Bills.

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Public Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Select Committees.

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Sittings of the House and Business of Supply.

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Standing Committees.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing, with regard to each Parliamentary Constituency in England and Wales, the total number of electors on the register now in force. (Secretory Sir Donald Somervell.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was read the first time.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise The Colne Valley Water Company to construct new works and to raise additional capital; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the limits for the supply of water by the mayor aldermen and citizens of the city of Gloucester in the county of the city of Gloucester; and to make further provision with regard to their water undertaking; to provide for the inclusion of members of the council of the said city in the standing joint committee of the quarter sessions and the council of the administrative county of Gloucester; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Colne Valley Water Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The Gloucester Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Weaver Navigation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That in the case of the Wadebridge Rural District Council Bill, Standing Orders 86, 179 and 180, relating to Private Business, be suspended, and that the Bill, as amended in Committee, be now taken into consideration, amended prints having previously been deposited.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means):—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Order 265, relating to Private Business, 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 Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Peake, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th June 1945, entitled the Local Authorities Loans (Exemptions) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 12th June 1945, entitled the Public Works Loans (Fees) Regulations, 1945.

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 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Willink, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 11th June 1945, entitled the Forestry (Transfer of Woods) Order, 1945.

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

Parliamentary Constituencies (Electors) (England and Wales).

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Secretary Sir Donald Somervell also presented, Local pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th June 1945, entitled the Local Elections (Supplementary Provisions) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Lyttelton, presented, by His Majesty's Company Law Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Company Law Amendment.

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

Mr. Law, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Order by His Majesty concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other Grants for Officers, Airmen and Nurses disabled, and for the Widows and Children of Officers and Airmen deceased, in consequence of service during the Great War.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and 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 Scotland, the total number of electors on the register now in force.—(Mr. Chapman.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Family Allowances Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Shields Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Sir Edward Campbell reported from the Public Petitions Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petition presented upon the 29th day of May 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.

Wing-Commander Grant Ferris reported from Wisbech the Committee on Group B of Private Bills, Water Bill.

That they had examined the allegations of the Wisbech Water 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to. Schedules A, B and C 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 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, 1917.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker).

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Major Mott-Radclyffe.)

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

[No. 95.]

Friday, 15th June, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Chapman presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 14th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Parliamentary Constituencies (Electors) (Scotland).

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

Mr. Law presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th June 1945, entitled the Education (Local Education Authorities) Grant Regulations, 1945.

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

Captain Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Report by the Minister of War Transport of the Proceedings of the Minister of Transport and the Minister of War Transport under the Light Railways Acts, 1896 and 1912, and the Railways Act, 1923, from the 1st day of January 1939 to the 31st day of December 1944.

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

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 1944—45, with a General Alphabetical Index thereto, Thirty-seventh Parliament, Tenth Session, 8th and 9th George VI, 29th November 1944 to 15th June 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commissions, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and to several Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1910, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts and Measures therein mentioned; and the Lords, thereby authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measures, as follow:

17. Postponement of Polling Day Act, 1945.
Peace has been restored to Europe, after more than five years of mortal strife, which threatened to enslave it. The resources so freely given, and the heroic deeds of My Dominions, to overcome the Governments of the United States, Germany and other territories. The destruction of our homes by the enemy and the post-war development of India may be undertaken with the full participation of Indian political leaders in the Colonial Governments in those plans which they are now preparing to improve the conditions and standards of living of the peoples in their territories.

I have assented with great satisfaction to the Colonial Development and Welfare (Amendment) Act, which both substantially increases the amount of money to be made available to assist colonial development and prolongs the period of assistance. The resources so provided will be of the greatest help to Colonial Governments in those plans which they are now preparing to improve the conditions and standards of living of the peoples in their territories.

Members of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the provision which you have made towards the heavy cost of conducting the war and the cost of the public services.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

Plans have been completed for the orderly release of men and women from the Armed Forces under a scheme which ensures fair treatment to serving men and women, and for compensating and resettling those who are disabled as a result of their service.

Steps have been taken, in close co-operation with the Governments of the United States, Canada and other Dominions, to overcome the grave shortages in world supplies of many essential foods. These shortages make yet more necessary the vigorous and sustained efforts of the agricultural community and the men of the fishing fleets in providing food for My people.

The destruction of our homes by the enemy and the urgent need to concentrate our
manpower for nearly six years on tasks directly connected with the prosecution of the war have led to a widespread shortage of houses. Energetic measures have already been taken to restore houses damaged by enemy attack and to prepare housing sites, and the maximum effort is being devoted to the production and erection of new houses. To this end arrangements have been made to augment the number of those available for house building both by special releases of building workers from other industries and from the Armed Forces and by the training of new recruits for the building industry.

I have given My assent to a number of measures which have been brought before you during the course of the year.

Legislation has been passed to provide for a scheme of family allowances, in which the families of serving men will be included. A measure has been passed to assist employers and workpeople in securing the wider observance of jointly agreed terms and conditions of employment and in maintaining reasonable standards of remuneration. A much needed reform has been effected in the law concerning contributory negligence. Henceforward a claimant who proves that his injury is due to another's fault will not fail to secure some compensation merely because a certain degree of fault is attributable to him. Among the Bills relating to Scotland which have received My assent is a measure to amend the law relating to education and to introduce reforms which will promote the progressive development of the educational system.

Provision has been made for the resumption of local elections, and reforms have been made in the law relating to the representation of the people. Effect has been given to the Report of the Boundary Commission for England regarding the division of abnormally large constituencies.

Measures have been passed to finance capital expenditure incurred by local authorities; to assist the improvement and equipment of modern industry by the reform of the income tax law; to extend export credit facilities; to maintain the use or value of assets created at the public expense on requisitioned or other land, and to provide for the maintenance of employment by a better distribution of industry.

Legislation has been passed to transfer to the Agricultural Ministers responsibility for forestry, with a view to promoting schemes of intensive afforestation; for continuing the functions of the Minister of Fuel and Power; and for the appointment of a Minister of Civil Aviation.

I have also given My assent to measures for the adjustment of local government areas in England and Wales; for the conservation of water resources and the better organisation of water supplies, and for the re-development of war damaged and obsolescent areas and the regulation of the price at which land can be acquired for public purposes in Scotland.

With you I thank Almighty God for the victories already granted to us, and I pray that His blessing may attend us in all our undertakings throughout the strenuous times that lie ahead.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

By virtue of His Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in His Majesty's Name and in obedience to His Majesty's Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Tuesday, the Third day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday the Third day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five.
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James Walker, Esquire — —
Colonel John Robert Jermain Macnamara.
Right Honble. David Lloyd George, O.M.
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