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A PROCLAMATION

FOR DISSOLVING THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT, AND DECLARING THE CALLING OF ANOTHER.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to dissolve this present Parliament which stands prorogued to Tuesday, the Third day of July next; We do, for that End, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said Parliament accordingly: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs, of the House of Commons, are discharged from their Meeting and Attendance on the said Tuesday, the Third day of July next: And We being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People, and to have their Advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all Our loving Subjects Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Parliament: And do hereby further declare, that, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, We have given Order that our Chancellor of Great Britain and Our Governor of Northern Ireland do respectively, upon Notice thereof, forthwith issue out Writs, in due Form and according to Law, for calling a new Parliament: And We do hereby also, by this Our Royal Proclamation under Our Great Seal of Our Realm, require Writs forthwith to be issued accordingly by Our said Chancellor and Governor respectively, for causing the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons who are to serve in the said Parliament to be duly returned to, and give their Attendance in, Our said Parliament on Wednesday the First day of August next, which Writs are to be returnable in due course of Law.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace; this Fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and and Forty-five, and in the Ninth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.
The Parliament begun and held at the City of Westminster, on Wednesday, the first day of August, in the ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith; and in the year of our Lord 1945.
Great Britain; and others Our Counsellors hereinafter mentioned, by the advice of Our said Council, do give and grant by the tenor of these Our Letters, unto the said Henry William..

there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker; and that you present such person whom you shall so choose, here, to-morrow, at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock, for His Majesty’s Royal approbation.

And the House having returned;

Mr. Neil Maclean stood up, and, addressing himself to the Clerk of the House (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker Colonel the Right Honourable Douglas Clifton Brown and moved, That Colonel the Right Honourable Douglas Clifton Brown do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which Motion was seconded by the Right Honourable Sir Hugh O’Neill. The House then unanimously calling Colonel the Right Honourable Douglas Clifton Brown to the Chair, he stood up in his place and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then having again unanimously called Colonel the Right Honourable Douglas Clifton Brown to the Chair, he was taken out of his place and conducted to the Chair by Mr. Neil Maclean and Sir Hugh O’Neill, and, standing on the upper step, he expressed his sincerest acknowledgment to the House of the great honour which the House had been pleased to confer upon him, and sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was placed upon the Table. Whereupon Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Churchill, Sir Stanley Holmes and Mr. Gallacher congratulated Mr. Speaker-elect, and Mr. Herbert Morrison moved, That this House do now adjourn. Mr. Speaker-elect thereupon put the Question, which being agreed to;

The House adjourned at a quarter of an hour before Four of the clock, until to-morrow, and Mr. Speaker-elect went away without the Mace before him.

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Thursday, 2nd August, 1945.

THE House met at a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock; and Mr. Speaker-elect having taken the Chair;

A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker-elect,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker-elect, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where he was presented to the said Lords Commissioners for His Majesty’s Royal approbation.

Then the Lord Chancellor, one of the said Lords Commissioners, signified His Majesty’s approbation of Mr. Speaker-elect.

The House having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had been in the House of Peers; where His Majesty was pleased, by His Majesty’s Commissioners, to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker; and that he had, in their name and on their behalf, by a humble Petition to His Majesty made claim to all their ancient and undoubted rights and privileges, particularly to freedom of speech in Debate, freedom from arrest, freedom of access to His Majesty whenever occasion may require; and that the most favourable construction should be placed upon all their proceedings; which he said His Majesty, by His said Commissioners, had been pleased to allow and confirm to them in as ample a manner as they have ever been granted or confirmed by His Majesty, or any of His Majesty’s Royal Predecessors.

And then Mr. Speaker repeated his very respectful acknowledgments and grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had conferred upon him.

Mr. Speaker then put the House in mind that their first duty was to take and subscribe the Oath required by Law.

Thereupon Mr. Speaker first, alone, standing on the upper step of the Chair, took and subscribed the Oath.

Then the following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law:—

The Right Honourable Clement Richard Attlee, c.h., for the Borough of Stepney ( Limehouse Division).
The Right Honourable Herbert Stanley Morrison, for the Borough of Lewisham (East Division).
The Right Honourable Arthur Greenwood, c.h., for the Borough of Wakefield.
The Right Honourable Edward Hugh John Neale Dalton, for the County of Durham (Bishop Auckland Division).
The Right Honourable Sir Richard Stafford Cripps, k.c., for the Borough of Bristol (East Division).
The Right Honourable Albert Victor Alexander, c.h., for the Borough of Sheffield (Hillsborough Division).
The Right Honourable Frederick William Pethick-Lawrence, for the Borough of Edinburg (East Division).
The Right Honourable James Chuter Ede, for the Borough of South Shields.
The Right Honourable William Whiteley, for the County of Durham (Blaydon Division).
The Right Honourable Albert Victor Alexander, c.h., for the Borough of Bristol (East Division).
The Right Honourable Clement Richard Attlee, c.h., for the Borough of Lewisham (East Division).

Mr. Speaker takes the Oath or makes Affirmation.
The Right Honourable Sir Benjamin Smith, K.B.E., for the Borough of Bermondsey (Rotherhithe Division).

The Right Honourable Sir Charles Edwards, C.B.E., for the County of Monmouth (Bedwellty Division).

The Right Honourable George Henry Hall, for the Borough of Merthyr Tydfil (Aberdare Division).

Major the Right Honourable James Mithen, for the Borough of Leeds (South-East Division).

Sir Robert Young, O.B.E., for the County of Lancaster (Newton Division).

William John, Esquire, for the Borough of Rhondda (West Division).

Frederick Montague, Esquire, for the Borough of Islington (West Division).

Arthur Jenkins, Esquire, for the County of Monmouth (Pontypool Division).

The Right Honourable John Lawson, for the County of Durham (Chester-le-Street Division).

George Mathers, Esquire, for the County of Linlithgow.

Ernest Thurtle, Esquire, for the Borough of Shoreditch.

George Tomlinson, Esquire, for the Borough of Lancashire (Farnworth Division).

Robert John Taylor, Esquire, for the Borough of Morpeth.

Arthur Henderson, Esquire, for the County of Stafford (Kingswinford Division).

Arthur Woodburn, Esquire, for the County of Stirling and Clackmannan (Clackmannan and Eastern Division).

Anestin Bevan, Esquire, for the County of Monmouth (Ebbw Vale Division).

William Dobbs, Esquire, for the Borough of Rotherham.

Lewis Silkin, Esquire, for the Borough of Camberwell (Peckham Division).

Philip John Noel-Baker, Esquire, for the Borough of Derby.

John Wilmot, Esquire, for the Borough of Deptford.


The Right Honourable Robert Anthony Eden, for the County of Warwick (Warwick and Leamington Division).

The Right Honourable Oliver Lyttelton, for the County of Hants (Haldershot Division).

The Right Honourable Oliver Frederick George Stanley, for the Borough of Bristol (West Division).

The Right Honourable William Shepherd Morrison, for the County of Gloucester (Cirencester and Tewkesbury Division).

The Right Honourable Robert Spear Hudson, C.H., for the Borough of Southport.

The Right Honourable Richard Assheton Butler, for the County of Essex (Saffron Walden Division).

Captain the Right Honourable Harry Frederick Comfort Crookshank, for the County of the Parts of Lindsey (Gainsborough Division).

The Right Honourable Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, G.B.E., for the City of London.

The Right Honourable Henry Urnston Willink, for the Borough of Croydon (North Division).

The Right Honourable Osbert Peake, for the Borough of Leeds (North Division).

The Right Honourable James Scott Cumberland Reid, K.C., for the Burgh of Glasgow (Hillhead Division).

Sir David Patrick Maxwell Fyfe, K.C., for the Borough of Liverpool (West Derby Division).

The Right Honourable Edward, Earl Winterton, for the County of West Sussex (Horsham and Worthing Division).

The Right Honourable James Stuart, M.V.O., M.C., for the County of Moray and Nairn.

Robert Williams Grimston, Esquire, for the County of Wilts (Westbury Division).

Reginald Edward Manningham-Buller, Esquire, for the County of Northampton (Daventry Division).

Quentin McAreil Hogg, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Quentin McAreil Hogg, for the Borough of Oxford.

Arthur Stewart Leslie Young, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Partick Division).

Nevil Alexander Beechman, Esquire, M.C., for the County of Cornwall (St. Ives Division).

Alan Tindal Lennox-Boyd, Esquire, for the County of Bedford (Mid Bedford Division).

James Purdon Lewis Thomas, Esquire, for the County of Hereford (Hereford Division).

Commander Thomas Dunlop Galbraith, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Pollok Division).

Ernest George Hics, Esquire, for the Borough of Woolwich (East Division).

Major the Right Honourable Guilym Lloyd George, for the County of Pembroke.

Sir Henry Morris-Jones, M.C., for the County of Denbigh (Denbigh Division).

Charles Williams, Esquire, for the County of Devon (Torquay Division).

Colonel Sir Charles Glen MacAndrew, for the County of Ayr and Bute (Bute and North Ayrshire Division).

John Scott Maclay, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable John Scott Maclay, for the Montrose District of Burghs.

Patrick George Thomas Buchanan-Hepburn, Esquire, for the Borough of Liverpool (East Toxteth Division).

Tom Smith, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Normanton Division).

Cedric Druce, Esquire, for the County of Devon (Honiton Division).

Rhys John Davies, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Westhoughton Division).

The Right Honourable Sir Robert William Hugh O'Neill, Baronet, for the County of Antrim.

Sir James Arthur Salter, for the University of Oxford.

Major Charles Edward Mott-Radclyffe, for the County of Berks (Windsor Division).

Commander Peter Garnett Agnew, R.N. (Retired), for the County of Cornwall (Camborne Division).

Commander Sir Archibald Richard James Southby, Baronet, R.N., for the County of Surrey (Epsom Division).

Samuel Philip Vivant, Esquire, for the Borough of Willesden (West Division).

Robert John Graham Boothby, Esquire, for the County of Aberdeen and Kincardine (Eastern Division).

George Steven Harvie Watt, Esquire, T.D., for the Borough of Richmond.
William Foster, Esquire, for the Borough of Wigan.

Evelyn Waldben, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Doncaster Division).

Hector Samuel James Hughes, Esquire, k.c., for the Burgh of Aberdeen (North Division).

Gilbert McAllister, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Rutherglen Division).

George Albert Parry, Esquire, for the County of Middlesex (Spethorne Division).

Henry Norman Smith, Esquire, for the Borough of Nottingham (South Division).

Cecil Aubrey Gwynne Manning, Esquire, for the Borough of Camberwell (North Division).

Norman Noel Dodds, Esquire, for the Borough of Dartford.

William Noble Warkey, Esquire, for the County of Bedford (Luton Division).

Captain Arthur Blenkinsop, for the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (East Division).

Charles James Simmons, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham (West Birmingham Division).

Lieutenant Thomas Cecil Sheffington-Lodge, R.N., for the County of Bedford (Bedford Division).

Jennie Lee, for the County of Stafford (Cannock Division).

Doctor Santo Wayburn Jeger, for the Borough of St. Pancras (South-East Division).

George Jeger, Esquire, for the County of Hants (Winchester Division).

Lewis John Edwards, Esquire, for the Borough of Blackburn.

Frederick John Bellenger, Esquire, for the County of Nottingham (Bassetlaw Division).

Barbara Anne Castle, for the Borough of Blackburn.

Michael Foot, Esquire, for the Borough of Plymouth (Devonport Division).

Ronald Arthur Chamberlain, Esquire, for the Borough of Lambeth (Southwark Division).

Thomas Williamson, Esquire, for the County of the Parts of Lindsey (Brigg Division).

Major Woodrow Lyle Wyatt, for the Borough of Birmingham (Aston Division).

Samuel Sydney Silverman, Esquire, for the Borough of Nelson and Colne.

James Harold Wilson, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Ormskirk Division).

Benn Levy, Esquire, for the County of Bucks (Eton and Slough Division).

Frank Fairhurst, Esquire, for the Borough of Oldham.

Harold Davies, Esquire, for the County of Stafford (Leek Division).

Haydn Davies, Esquire, for the Borough of St. Pancras (South-West Division).

Captain John Baird, for the Borough of Wolverhampton.

William Thomas Proctor, Esquire, for the Borough of Eccles.

John Kinley, Esquire, for the Borough of Bootle.

William John Brown, Esquire, for the County of Warwick (Rugby Division).

The Reverend James Little, for the County of Down.

Clement Edward Davies, Esquire, k.c., for the County of Montgomery.

Edgar Louis Granville, Esquire, for the County of East Suffolk (Eye Division).

Thomas Lewis Horabin, Esquire, for the County of Cornwall (Northern Division).

William John Gruffydd, Esquire, for the University of Wales.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frank Charles Byers, for the County of Dorset (Northern Division).

George Wadsorth, Esquire, for the County of York, East Riding (Buckrose Division).

Evan Roderic Bowen, Esquire, for the County of Cardiganshire.

Squadron-Leader Emrys Owen Roberts, for the County of Merioneth.

Major Sir Jocelyn Motion Lucas, Baronet, for the Borough of Portsmouth (South Division).

Henry Victor Alpin Raikes, Esquire, for the Borough of Liverpool (Wavertree Division).

Patrick William Donner, Esquire, for the County of Hants (Basingstoke Division).

Rhyia Hopkins Morris, Esquire, for the County of Carmarthen (Carmarthen Division).

Captain Sir Peter Drummond Macdonald, K.B.E., for the County of the Isle of Wight.

John Hamilton McKie, Esquire, for the County of Galloway.

Lieutenant-Colonel Usefula Corbett, v.s.o., for the County of Salop (Ludlow Division).

Robert Craugheayt Morrison, Esquire, for the Borough of Tottenham (North Division).

Archer Ernest Baldwin, Esquire, for the County of Hereford (Leominster Division).

Charles Vernon Oldfield Bartlett, Esquire, for the County of Somerset (Bridgewater Division).

Percy Lionel Edward Shurmer, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham (Sparkbrook Division).

Captain Cecil Charles Poole, for the County of Stafford (Lichfield Division).

Oliver Baldwin, Esquire, commonly called Viscount Corvedale, for the Borough of Paisley.

Elisabeth Leah Manning, for the County of Essex (Epping Division).

Denis Nowell Peter, Esquire, K.C., for the Borough of Hammersmith (North Division).

Sir George Thomas Broadbridge, Baronet, k.c.v.o., for the City of London.

Neil Maclean, Esquire, for the Borough of Glasgow (Govan Division).

Edith Summell, for the Borough of Fulham (West Division).

James Dixon Murray, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Spennymoor Division).

Thomas Judson Brooks, Esquire, M.B.E., for the County of York, West Riding (Rotherham Division).

Joseph Bins, Esquire, for the Borough of Chester (Chester Division).

Charles Frederick Grey, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Durham Division).

George Arthur Griffiths, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Hensworth Division).

Tom Cook, Esquire, for the Borough of Dundee.

John Rankin, Esquire, for the Borough of Glasgow (Tradeston Division).

William Gallacher, Esquire, for the County of Fife (Western Division).

David Kirkwood, Esquire, for the Dunbarton District of Burghs.

William Leonard, Esquire, for the Borough of Glasgow (Stirling Division).

William McLean Watson, Esquire, for the Dunfermline District of Burghs.
Adam Storey McKinlay, Esquire, for the County of Dumbarton.

John C. Forman, Esquire, for the Borough of Glasgow (Springburn Division).

John Lloyd Williams, Esquire, for the Borough of Glasgow (Kelvingrove Division).

Jean Mann, for the County of Lanark (Coatbridge Division).

Percy Gott Barstow, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Pontefract Division)

Harry Bernard Taylor, Esquire, for the County of Nottingham (Mansfield Division).

James Hutchinson Hoy, Esquire, for the Burgh of Leith.

Sergeant Eustace George Willis, for the Borough of Edinburgh (North Division).

George Alfred Brown, Esquire, for the County of Derby (Belper Division).

The Reverend George Saville Woods, for the County of Lancaster (Mossley Division).

Edward John Williams, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Ogmore Division).

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Grace Mary Colman, for the Borough of Tynemouth.

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Margaret Herbison, for the County of Lanark (Northern Division).

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Arthur Jared Palmer Howard, Esquire, c.v.o., commonly called the Honourable Arthur Jared Palmer Howard, c.v.o., for the Borough of Westminster (St. George's Division).

Edward Carson, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Edward Carson, for the County of Kent (Isle of Thanet Division).

Colonel Arthur Douglas Duddles-Parker, for the County of Oxford (Banbury Division).

David McAdam Eccles, Esquire, for the County of The Parts of Lindsey (Chippingham Division).

Air-Commodore Arthur Vere Harvey, for the County of Chester (Macclesfield Division).


Roland Jennings, Esquire, for the Borough of Sheffield (Hallam Division).

Alexander Cadwallader Mainwaring Spearman, Esquire, for the County of York, North Riding (Scarborough and Whitby Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel John Hugh Hare, commonly called Lieutenant-Colonel the Honourable John Hugh Hare, for the County of East Suffolk (Woodbridge Division).

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Albert Edward Davies, Esquire, for the Borough of Stoke-on-Trent (Burslem Division).

Walter Henry Ayles, Esquire, for the Borough of Southall.

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Barnet Sistroc, Esquire, for the Borough of Stoke-on-Trent (Hanley Division).

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Sir Frank Bernard Sanderson, Baronet, for the Borough of Ealing (East Division).

John Serocold Paget Mellor, Baronet, for the County of Warwick (Sutton Coldfield Division).

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Lieutenant-Colonel William Morgan Fletcher Van€, T.D., for the County of Westmorland.
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Commander Allan Herbert Percy Noble, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N., for the Borough of Chelsea.
Eric Leslie Gander Dower, Esquire, for the County of Caithness and Sutherland.
George Benson, Esquire, for the County of Derby (Chesterfield Division).
Henry Charles Osborne, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham (Accocks Green Division).
Joseph Herbert Alpass, Esquire, for the County of Gloucester (Thornbury Division).
William Coldrick, Esquire, for the Borough of Bristol (North Division).
Arthur Moyle, Esquire, for the County of Worcestershire (Stourbridge Division).
Joseph Reeves, Esquire, for the Borough of Greenwich.
Thomas James Brown, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Ince Division).
Edward Porter, Esquire, for the Borough of Warrington.
Joseph Henderson, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Ardwick Division).
Ernest Albert Jellis, Esquire, for the County of Middlesex (Enfield Division).
Charles Frederick White, Esquire, for the County of Derby (Western Division).
Percy Henry Collie`, Esquire, for the Borough of Birkenhead (West Division).
Moss Turner-Jones, Esquire, for the Borough of Gloucester.
Sydney Scholfield Allen, Esquire, for the County of Chester (Crewe Division).
William Henry Guy, Esquire, for the Borough of Poplar (South Poplar Division).
Louis Tolley, Esquire, for the County of Worcester (Kidderminster Division).
Edwin George Gooch, Esquire, for the County of Norfolk (Northern Division).
William McAdam, Esquire, for the Borough of Saltford (North Division).
Ernest Pulpit, Esquire, for the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (West Division).
Thomas Reid, Esquire, for the County of Wilts (Swindon Division).
David Gilbert Logan, Esquire, for the Borough of Liverpool (Scotland Division).
William Kenan, Esquire, for the Borough of Liverpool (Kirkdale Division).
Francis Campbell Ross Douglas, Esquire, for the Borough of Battersea (North Division).
Captain Raymond Jones Gunter, for the County of Essex (South-Eastern Division).
Major John Freeman, M.B.E., for the County of Hertford (Watford Division).
Tom Steele, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Ayrshire Division).
Sir Patrick Joseph Henry Hannan, for the Borough of Birmingham (Moseley Division).
Sir William Henry Davison, K.B.E., for the Borough of Kensington (South Division).
Sir Herbert Stanley Reed, K.B.E., for the County of Bucks (Aylesbury Division).
Clifford William Hudson Glossop, Esquire, for the County of York, East Riding (Howdenshire Division).
Colonel Malcolm Stoddart-Scott, O.B.E., T.D., M.B.E., for the County of York, West Riding (Pudsey and Otley Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Allen Fenwick Thorpe, O.B.E., for the County of Northumberland (Berwick-upon-Tweed Division).
Christopher Henry Maxwell Peto, Esquire, for the County of Devon (Barnstaple Division).
Major John Cyril Maude, O.B.E., for the Borough of Exeter.
Brigadier Otley Leslie Prior-Palmer, D.S.O., for the County of West Sussex (Worthing Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Geoffrey Benedict Clifton-Brown, for the County of West Suffolk (Bury St. Edmunds Division).
Major Henry Reginald Spence, O.B.E. (Mil), for the County of Aberdeen and Kincardine (Central Division).
William Smith Duthie, Esquire, O.B.E., for the County of Banff.
Major Edmund McNeill Cooper-Key, for the Borough of Hastings.
Sir Gifford Wheaton Grey Fox, Baronet, for the County of Oxford (Henley Division).
Captain George Burnaby Drayson, for the County of York, West Riding (Skipton Division).
William Robert Stanley Prescott, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Darwen Division).
Squadron-Leader Maurice Christopher Hollis for the County of Wilts (Devizes Division).
Francis Beatie, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Carthcart Division).
Thomas Scollan, Esquire, for the County of Renfrew (Western Division).
Maurice Orbach, Esquire, for the Borough of Willesden (East Division).
Thomas O'Brien, Esquire, for the Borough of Nottingham (West Division).
Maurice Webb, Esquire, for the Borough of Bradford (Central Division).
Percy Daines, Esquire, for the Borough of East Ham (North Division).
Walter Moslow, Esquire, for the Borough of Barrow-in-furness.
Captain Harold Richard Adams, for the Borough of Walsworth (Balham and Tooting Division).
Sub-Lieutenant Herschell Lewis Austin, R.N.V.R., for the County of Lancaster (Stretford Division).
Captain Julian Ward Snow, for the Borough of Portsmouth (Central Division).
Hubert Moses Midland, Esquire, for the Borough of Plymouth (Drake Division).
Major Donald William Trevor Bruce, for the Borough of Portsmouth (North Division).
Edgar Grierson, Esquire, for the Borough of Carlisle.
Lieutenant Herbert Delauney Hughes, for the Borough of Wolverhampton (West Division).
Captain Stephen Thomas Swingler, for the County of Stafford (Stourbridge Division).
Charles Rider Hobson, Esquire, for the Borough of Wembley (North Division).
Clarence Barton, Esquire, for the Borough of Wembley (South Division).
George Henry Rowland Rogers, Esquire, for the Borough of Kensington (North Division).
Leonard James Callaghan, Esquire, for the Borough of Cardiff (South Division).

2nd August, 1945.

Captain Charles George Percy Smith, for the County of Essex (Colchester Division).

Philip Asterley Jones, Esquire, for the County of Hertford (Hitchin Division).

Harry Pursey, Esquire, for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull (East Division).

Octavius George Willy, Esquire, for the County of York, North Riding (Cleveland Division).

Flight-Lieutenant Aidan Merivale Crasuly, for the County of Bucks (Buckingham Division).

Colonel Leonard Ropner, M.C., T.D., for the County of York, West Riding (Barkston Ash Division).

Hilary Adair Marquand, Esquire, for the Borough of Cardiff (East Division).

Philip Piratin, Esquire, for the Borough of Stepney (Mile End Division).

Wing-Commander Geoffrey Cooper, for the Borough of Middlesbrough (West Division).

Squadron-Leader Ernest Kinghorn, for the Borough of Great Yarmouth.

Flight-Lieutenant John Edwin Hayre, for the County of Bucks (Wycombe Division).

Sidney Dye, Esquire, for the County of Norfolk (South-Western Division).

Sir Joseph Stanley Holmes, for the County of Essex (Harwich Division).

Sir Murdoch MacDonald, K.C.M.G., for the County of Inverness, Ross, and Cromarty (Inverness Division).

Herbert Walter Butler, Esquire, for the County of Holland with Boston.

Edward Percy Smith, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Ashford Division).

Major Basil Edward Nield, M.B.E., K.C., for the County of Chester (City of Chester Division).

Sir John Desmond Barlow, Baronet, for the County of Chester (Edisbury Division).

Norman John Hubert, Esquire, for the Borough of Stockport.

James Henderson Stewart, Esquire, for the County of Fife (Eastern Division).

Captain John MacLeod, for the County of Inverness, Ross and Cromarty (Ross and Cromarty Division).

Major Niall Malcolm Stewart Macpherson, for the Burgh of Dumfries.

George Lambert, Esquire, for the County of Devon (South Molton Division).

Major Kenneth Gilmour Younger, for the Borough of Grimsby.

Clifford Kenyon, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Chorley Division).

Charles Royce, Esquire, for the Borough of Salford (West Division).

Percy Lawrence Wells, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Faversham Division).

Sydney Robert Charles Lasers, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Barnard Castle Division).

Thomas Frederick Hubbard, Esquire, for the Kirkcaldy District of Burghs.

Hubert Beaumont, Esquire, for the Borough of Batley and Morley.

John Lewis, Esquire, for the Borough of Bolton.

Hardley William Shawcross, Esquire, K.C., for the Borough of St. Helens.

George Reginald Ward, Esquire, for the Borough of Worcester.

Campbell Stephen, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Cambuslang Division).

John William Sunderland, Esquire, for the Borough of Preston.

John Roland Robinson, Esquire, for the Borough of Blackpool (South Division).

Austin Richard William Low, Esquire, for the Borough of Blackpool (North Division).

Reginald Thomas Page, Esquire, for the Borough of Northampton.

Christopher Nyholm Shawcross, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Widnes Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel Granville Maynard Sharp, for the County of York, West Riding (Spen Valley Division).

Christopher Paget Mayhew, Esquire, for the County of Norfolk (Southern Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Henry Bromley-Davenport, for the County of Chester (Knutsford Division).

Ness Edwards, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Caerphilly Division).

Tudor Evelyn Watkins, Esquire, for the County of Brecon and Radnor.

Thomas George Thomas, Esquire, for the Borough of Cardiff (Central Division).

Sir Charles Ernest Leonard Lyle, Baronet, for the Borough of Bournemouth.

John Robert Leslie, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Sedgefield Division).

Arwyn Lynn Ungoed-Thomas, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Llandaff and Barry Division).

Edward Evans, Esquire, for the County of East Suffolk (Lowestoft Division).

Ian Mithard, Esquire, for the Borough of Reading.

William Albert Willis, Esquire, for the Borough of Bristol (South Division).

Jennie Laurel Adamson, for the Borough of Bexley.

Hector McNel, Esquire, for the Burgh of Greenock.

Robert Michael Maillard Stewart, Esquire, for the Borough of Fulham (East Division).

Alice Martha Bacon, for the Borough of Leeds (North-East Division).

Henry Hynd, Esquire, for the Borough of Hackney (Central Division).

David Weitzman, Esquire, for the Borough of Stoke Newington.

Frederick Thomas Willey, Esquire, for the Borough of Sunderland.

Joseph Alfred Sparks, Esquire, for the County of Middlesex (Acton Division).

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, for the Borough of Wandsworth (Central Division).

James Harrison, Esquire, for the Borough of Nottingham (East Division).

Alfred Roberts, Esquire, for the County of Northumberland (Wansbeck Division).

David Ronnie Hardman, Esquire, for the Borough of Darlington.

Sergeant George Douglas Wallace, for the County of Kent (Chislehurst Division).

Edward Arthur Hardy, Esquire, for the Borough of Salford (South Division).

James Griffiths, Esquire, for the County of Carmarthen (Llanelli Division).

George Alfred Isaacs, Esquire, for the Borough of Southwark (North Division).

Malcolm Kenneth MacMillan, Esquire, for the County of Inverness, Ross, and Cromarty (Western Isles Division).

Hyacinth Bernard Wenceslaus Morgan, Esquire, for the Borough of Rochdale.
John Burns Hynd, Esquire, for the Borough of Sheffield (Attercliffe Division).

Arthur William Lyne, Esquire, for the County of Lancashire (Wyken Division).

John Timmons, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Bothwell Division).

Alexander Anderson, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Motherwell Division).

John McKay, Esquire, for the Borough of Warrington.

James Edward Glamville, Esquire, for the County of Durham (Consett Division).

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Sidney Horatio Marshall, Esquire, for the Borough of Sutton and Cheam.

General Sir George Darrell Jeffreys, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., for the County of Hants (Peterfield Division).

Major Charles Stuart Taylor, for the County of East Sussex (Eastbourne Division).

Colonel Claude Granville Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster (Pryde Division).

Norman Bowes, Esquire, for the Borough of Harrow (West Division).

Harold Sulzberger, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (R aby Division).

Sir Hugh Vere Huntly Duff Lucas-Tooth, Baronet, for the Borough of Hendon (South Division).

Godfrey Nicholson, Esquire, for the County of Sussex (Farnham Division).

David Rees Grefsfell, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Gower Division).

Basil Hamilton Hebben Neven-Spence, Esquire, for the County of Orkney and Zetland.

William Frederic Neil, Esquire, for the Borough of Belfast (North Belfast Division).

Frederick William Skinnard, Esquire, for the Borough of Harrow (East Division).

Frank McLeavy, Esquire, for the Borough of Bradford (East Division).

Evelyn Mansfield King, Esquire, for the County of Cornwall (Prynn and Falmouth Division).

Muriel Edith Nichol, Esquire, for the Borough of Bradford (North Division).

Frederick Messer, Esquire, for the Borough of Tottenham (South Division).

John Paton, Esquire, for the Borough of Norwich.

Florence Beatrice Paton, for the County of Nottingham (Rushcliffe Division).

Friz Longden, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham (Deritend Division).

Wesley Perrins, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham (Yardley Division).

Victor Francis Yates, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham (Ladywood Division).

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Lieutenant William Griffiths, for the Borough of Manchester (Moss Side Division).

Louis Conyns, Esquire, for the Borough of West Ham (Silvertown Division).

Walter Travers Scott-Elliott, Esquire, for the Borough of Accrington.

John Rose Battley, Esquire, for the Borough of Wandsworth (Chapman Division).

Richard Sargood, Esquire, for the Borough of Bermondsey (West Bermondsey Division).

Daniel Chater, Esquire, for the Borough of Bethnal Green (North-East Division).

Albert Eric Becherousse, Esquire, for the Borough of Leyton (East Division).

Flight-Lieutenant Benjamin Theatre Parkin, for the County of Gloucester (Stroud Division).

Lieutenant Thomas Frederick Pearl, for the County of Cumberland (Workington Division).

Herbert William Bowden, Esquire, for the Borough of Leicester (South Division).

Maurice Edelman, Esquire, for the Borough of Coventry (West Division).

David Llewellyn Mori, Esquire, for the Borough of Swansea (East Division).

Richard Uwart, Esquire, for the Borough of Sunderland.

Humphrey Cooper Attewell, Esquire, for the County of Leicester (Harborough Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel Harry Morris, for the Borough of Sheffield (Central Division).

Fred Marshall, Esquire, for the Borough of Sheffield (Brightside Division).

Arthur Pearson, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Pontypridd Division).

Captain George Roland Chattoyn, for the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees.

George House, Esquire, for the Borough of St. Pancras (North Division).

Alfred John Barnes, Esquire, for the Borough of East Ham (South Division).

George Henry Walker, Esquire, for the Borough of Rosendale.

Lucy Baroness Noel-Buxton, for the Borough of Norwich.

Somerville Hastings, Esquire, for the Borough of Barking.

Alfred Edwards, Esquire, for the Borough of Middlesbrough (East Division).

Arthur Cecil Allen, Esquire, for the County of Leicester (Bosworth Division).

Stanley Tiffany, Esquire, for the County of Northampton (Peterborough Division).

Thomas Edward Neil Driberg, Esquire, for the County of Essex (Maldon Division).

George Russell Strauss, Esquire, for the Borough of Lambeth (North Division).

Leslie Judah Solley, Esquire, for the County of Essex (Thurrock Division).

Leslie Haden Guest, Esquire, M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., for the Borough of Islington (North Division).

Henry George McGhee, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Penistone Division).


Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles, C.I.E., D.S.O., for the County of Down.

Sir Ronald Deane Ross, Baronet, for the County of Londonderry.

Lieutenant-Colonel Derick Heathcoat Amory, for the County of Devon (Tiverton Division).

Major Renelm Simon Digby Wingfield Digby, for the County of Dorset (Western Division).

Major Henry Grey Studholme, for the County of Devon (Tavistock Division).

Douglas Marshall, Esquire, for the County of Cornwall (Bedmin Division).

Brigadier Fitzroy Hen Royde Maclean, C.B.E., for the County of Lancaster (Lancaster Division).

Major Christopher York, for the County of York, West Riding (Ripon Division).

Lancelot William Joyson-Hicks, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Lancelot William Joyson-Hicks, for the County of West Sussex (Chichester Division).

Brigadier Ralph Rayner, for the County of Devon (Totnes Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel Evelyn Nigel Chetwoode Birch, for the County of Flint.

Alexander Victor Edward Paulet Montague, Esquire, commonly called Viscount Hinchingbrooke, for the County of Dorset (Southern Division).

Colonel Alan Gome Duncan, for the County of Perth and Kinross (Perth Division).

John Archibald Boyd-Carpenter, Esquire, for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames.

Colonel Sir Ralph George Campbell Glyn, Baronet, M.C., for the County of Berks (Abingdon Division).

Sir William Warwell Wakefield, for the Borough of St. Marylebone.

Sidney Shepherd, Esquire, for the County of Nottingham (Newark Division).

Alfred Ernest Marples, Esquire, for the Borough of Wallasey.

Leonard David Gammons, Esquire, for the Borough of Hornsey.

Colonel Ralph Stephenson Clarke, for the County of East Sussex (East Grinstead Division).

Percy Holman, Esquire, for the Borough of Bethnal Green (South-West Division).

Charles William Gibson, Esquire, for the Borough of Lambeth (Kennington Division).

John William Belcher, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Sowerby Division).

Thomas William Burden, Esquire, for the Borough of Sheffield (Park Division).

George Samuel Lindgren, Esquire, for the County of Northampton (Wellingborough Division).

Harold Boardman, Esquire, for the Borough of Leigh.

Thomas Macpherson, Esquire, for the Borough of Romford.

Vicar John Collins, Esquire, for the County of Somerset (Taunton Division).
Walter John Farthing, Esquire, for the County of Somerset (Frome Division).
Wing-Commander John Strachey, for the Burgh of Dundee.
Freda Kunzen Corbet, for the Borough of Cambewell (North-West Division).
Thomas Bradock, Esquire, for the Borough of Mitcham.
William Hanman, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Maryhill Division).
James Ranger, Esquire, for the Borough of Ilford (South Division).
Melville Dickson, for the Borough of Ilford (North Division).
Harry Enos Randall, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Clitheroe Division).
William Richard Williams, Esquire, for the Borough of Heston and Isleworth.
Caroline Selina Ganley, for the Borough of Battersea (South Division).
Major Frank Soskice, for the Borough of Birkenhead (East Division).
Elizabeth Margaret Braddock, for the Borough of Liverpool (Exchange Division).
Hugh Todd Naylor Gait, Esquire, for the Borough of Leeds (South Division).
Ellis Smith, Esquire, for the Borough of Stoke (Stoke Division).
Vice-Admiral Ernest Augustus Taylor, C.M.G., C.V.O., R.N. (Retired), for the Borough of Paddington (South Division).
Daniel Longford Lipson, Esquire, for the Borough of Cheltenham.
Lieutenant-Commander George Ian Clark Hutchison, R.N., for the Burgh of Edinburgh (West Division).
William McNair Snadden, Esquire, for the County of Perth and Kinross (Kinross and Western Division).
Major Duncan McCallum, M.C., for the County of Argyll.
Squadron-Leader Edward Lascelles Fleming, M.C., for the Borough of Manchester (Withington Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Martin Alexander Lindsay, for the County of Warwick (Solihull Division).
Will Nally, Esquire, for the Borough of Wolverhampton (Bilston Division).
Harry Thorneycroft, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Clayton Division).
Frederick Lee, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Hulme Division).
Captain Hugh James Delargy, for the Borough of Manchester (Plattling Division).
Henry White, Esquire, for the County of Derby (North-Eastern Division).
Harold Neal, Esquire, for the County of Derby (Clay Cross Division).
John James Robertson, Esquire, for the County of Berwick and Haddington.
George Deor, Esquire, for the Borough of Lincoln.
Frank Collindridge, Esquire, for the Borough of Barnsley.
William Henry Oldfield, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Gorton Division).
Squadron-Leader Samuel Segal, Esquire, for the Borough of Preston.
Hugh Lester Hutchinson, Esquire, for the Borough of Manchester (Rusholme Division).
William Sampson Cluse, Esquire, for the Borough of Islington (South Division).
Stanley Stephen Axbery, Esquire, for the Borough of Bristol (Central Division).
Arthur Joseph Champion, Esquire, for the County of Derby (Southern Division).
Alfred Balfour, Esquire, for the County of Stirling and Clackmannan (Western Division).
John Edmondson Whittleber, Esquire, for the County of Lancaster (Heywood and Radcliffe Division).
Charles Leslie Hale, Esquire, for the Borough of Oldham.
Arthur Massey Sheffington, Esquire, for the Borough of Lewisham (West Division).
Marcus Lepton, Esquire, for the Borough of Lambeth (Brixton Division).
Thomas Fraser, Esquire, for the County of Lanark (Hamilton Division).
William Thomas Adams, Esquire, for the Borough of Hammersmith (South Division).
Reginald William Sorensen, Esquire, for the Borough of Leyton (West Division).
William George Cove, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Aberavon Division).
Arthur Hugh Elsland Mosson, Esquire, for the County of Derby (High Peak Division).
Barnett Jannier, Esquire, for the Borough of Leicester (West Division).
Eric George Molyneux Fletcher, Esquire, for the Borough of Islington (East Division).
Harry Wright Wallace, Esquire, for the Borough of Walthamstow (East Division).
Julius Silverman, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham ( Erdington Division).
Flying-Officer Norman Harold Lover, for the Borough of Manchester (Exchange Division).
Anthony Richard Hurd, Esquire, for the County of Berks (Newbury Division).
Lieutenant-Commander John Anthony Langford-Holt, R.N., for the County of Salop (Shrewsbury Division).
Sir Rudolph Dymska White, Baronet, for the County of Hants ( Fareham Division).
Sir James Douglas Vishart Thomson, Baronet, for the Burgh of Aberdeen (South Division).
Major Ernest Everard Gates, for the County of Lancaster (Middleton and Prestwich Division).
Frank Medlicott, Esquire, for the County of Norfolk (Easting Division).
Frederick Seymour Cockes, Esquire, for the County of Nottingham (Broxtowe Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Vincent Gandar Dowar, for the County of Cumberland (Penrith and Cockermouth Division).
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Ian William Jocelyn Fraser, C.B.E., for the County of Lanark (Lonsdale Division).

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

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

PRAYERS.

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the deaths of Sir Edward Taswell Campbell, Baronet, Member for the Borough of Bromley; Leslie Ruthven Pym, Esquire, Member for the County of Monmouth (Monmouth Division); and Alfred James Dodds, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Smethwick; 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.

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, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers.

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 the Lord Chancellor, by Command of His Majesty, had said:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

We have it further in Command from His Majesty to acquaint you that the causes of His Majesty’s calling this Parliament will be declared to you on Wednesday the 19th day of this instant August in the Chamber assigned to the House of Commons as their temporary place of sitting, and not in the present Parliament Chamber, and that, for this purpose, His Majesty has directed that the Chamber assigned to the House of Commons as their temporary place of sitting be made ready for the House of Peers and St. Stephen’s Hall for temporary place of sitting be made ready for the House of Commons for the better and more convenient transacting of their business and that His Majesty has been pleased to give directions accordingly.

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law:—

The Right Honourable Sir John Anderson, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., for the University of St. Andrew’s, the University of Glasgow, the University of Aberdeen, and the University of Edinburgh.

Kenneth Martin Lindsay, Esquire, for the University of Durham, the Victoria University of Manchester, the University of Liverpool, the University of Leeds, the University of Sheffield, the University of Birmingham, the University of Bristol, and the University of Reading.

Robert Richards, Esquire, for the County of Denbigh (Wrexham Division).

Charles William Key, Esquire, for the Borough of Poplar (Bow and Bromley Division).

Walter James Edwards, Esquire, for the Borough of Stepney (Whitechapel and St. George’s Division).

John Dougall, Esquire, for the Borough of West Bromwich.

Clarice McNab Shaw, for the County of Ayr and Bute (Kilmarnock Division).

Major Arthur Leslie Symonds, for the Borough of Cambridge.

 Lieutenant-Colonel Roland Hamilton, for the County of West Suffolk (Bury Division).

Albert Ernest Stubbs, Esquire, for the County of Cambridge.

Stanley Norman Evans, Esquire, for the Borough of Wednesbury.

Captain Francis Edward Noel-Baker, for the County of Middlesex (Brentford and Chiswick Division).

Richard Howard Stafford Crossman, Esquire, for the Borough of Coventry (East Division).

Edith Agnes Wills, for the Borough of Birmingham (Duddeston Division).

Arthur Creeth Jones, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Shipley Division).

Ralph Morley, Esquire, for the Borough of Southampton.

Thomas Lewis, Esquire, for the Borough of Southampton.

Walter Fletcher, Esquire, O.B.E., for the Borough of Bury.

Alfred Charles Bosson, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Maidstone Division).

Isaac James Pitman, Esquire, for the Borough of Bath.

Flight-Lieutenant William Teeling, for the Borough of Brighton.

Captain Malcolm Bullock, M.B.E., for the County of Lancaster (Waterloo Division).

Major William Walter Montagu Douglas Scott, commonly called Major Lord William Walter Montagu Douglas Scott, for the County of Roxburgh and Selkirk.

Gordon Cosmo Touche, Esquire, for the County of Surrey (Reigate Division).

Major John Baker White, for the County of Kent (Canterbury Division).

Brigadier John Selwyn Brooke Lloyd, C.B.E., for the County of Chester (Wirral Division).

Sir William Harold Webbe, C.B.E., for the Borough of Westminster (Abbey Division).

Lieutenant-Colonel Dennis Coloridge Bole, for the County of Somerset (Wells Division).

Flight-Lieutenant Charles Challen, for the Borough of Hampstead.

Roger John Edward Coman, Esquire, for the County of Worcester (Bewdley Division).

William Henry Kingsmill, Esquire, for the County of Somerset (Yeoool Division).

George Buchanan, Esquire, for the Borough of Glasgow (Gorbals Division).

Richard Rapier Stokes, Esquire, for the Borough of Ipswich.
Francis George Bowles, Esquire, for the County of Warwick (Nuneaton Division).
Arthur Montague Frank Palmer, Esquire, for the Borough of Wimbledon.
Stephen Owen Davies, Esquire, for the Borough of Merthyr Tydfil (Merthyr Division).
Captain Geoffrey Henry Cecil Bing, for the County of Essex (Hornchurch Division).
Sydney Herbert Smith, Esquire, for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull (South-West Division).
John McGovern, Esquire, for the Borough of Glasgow (Shettleston Division).
Sir John Boyd Orr, D.S.O., M.C., for the University of St. Andrew's, the University of Glasgow, the University of Aberdeen, and the University of Edinburgh.
Alan Patrick Herbert, Esquire, for the University of Oxford.
Henry Wilson Harris, Esquire, for the University of Cambridge.
Commander Arthur Marsden, R.N., for the County of Surrey (Cheam Division).
Major Peter Geoffrey Roberts, for the Borough of Sheffield (Ecclesall Division).
George Harold Oliver, Esquire, for the County of Derby (Ilkeston Division).
Henry Berry, Esquire, for the Borough of Warrington (West Division).
James Hasworth, Esquire, for the Borough of Liverpool (Walton Division).
Major Wilfrid Foulston Vernon, for the Borough of Camberwell (Dulwich Division).
William Henry Mainwaring, Esquire, for the Borough of Rhondda (East Division).
Garry Allingham, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Gravesend Division).
Thomas Ellis Naylor, Esquire, for the Borough of Southwark (South-East Division).
Morgan Philips Price, Esquire, for the County of Gloucester (Forest of Dean Division).
Isor Thomas, Esquire, for the County of York, West Riding (Keighley Division).
Andrew Gilzean, Esquire, for the Borough of Edinburgh (Central Division).
Stephen James Lake Taylor, Esquire, for the County of Hertford (Barnet Division).
John Platts-Mills, Esquire, for the Borough of Finsbury.
Cyril Walter Dumpleton, Esquire, for the County of Hertford (St. Albans Division).
Mont Follick, Esquire, for the County of Leicester (Loughborough Division).
Albert Raymond Blackburn, Esquire, for the Borough of Birmingham (King's Norton Division).
David James Williams, Esquire, for the County of Glamorgan (Neath Division).
Wing-Commander Ernest Rogers Millington, for the County of Essex (Chelmsford Division).
Colonel Oliver Brian Sanderson Poole, O.B.E., for the County of Salop ( Oswestry Division).
Colonel Oliver Eyre Crosthwaite-Eyre, for the County of Hants (New Forest and Christchurch Division).
Henry Channon, Esquire, for the Borough of Southend-on-Sea.
Harold Anthony Nutting, Esquire, for the County of Leicester (Melton Division).
Arthur Beverley Baxter, Esquire, for the County of Middlesex (Wood Green Division).
David Archibald Price White, Esquire, for the Carnarvon District of Boroughs.
Eleanor Florence Rathbone, for the University of Durham, the Victoria University of Manchester, the University of Liverpool, the University of Leeds, the University of Sheffield, the University of Birmingham, the University of Bristol, and the University of Reading.
Hugh Nicholas Linstead, Esquire, for the Borough of Wandsworth (Putney Division).
William Denis Kendall, Esquire, for the County of the Parts of Kesteven and Rutland (Grantham Division).
John David Mack, Esquire, for the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme.
Colin Norman Thornton-Kemsley, Esquire, for the University of Aberdeen and Kincardine (Kincardine and Western Division).
Lucy Annie Middleton, for the Borough of Plymouth (Sutton Division).

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment, do adjourn till Wednesday, the 15th day of this instant August, at Eleven of the clock.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That after this House has returned Sittings of the House, from attending His Majesty on the day on which His Majesty declares the causes of His calling this Parliament, Mr. Speaker shall resume the Chair at Four of the clock and forthwith adjourn the House without Question put to the Chamber at present appointed for the use of the Commons.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before Three of the clock, adjourned till Wednesday, the 15th day of this instant August, at Eleven of the clock, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day, to St. Stephen's Hall.
Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Majesty:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the third day of this instant August, resumed the Chair at Four of the clock and forthwith adjourned the House, without a Question first put, to the Chamber appointed for the use of the Commons.

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law:—

John Beattie, Esquire, for the Borough of Belfast (West Belfast Division).
Edward Herbert Reeling, Esquire, for the Borough of Twickenham.
John Hanbury Martin, Esquire, for the Borough of Southwark (Central Division).
Sir John Graham Kerr, for the University of St. Andrews, the University of Glasgow, the University of Aberdeen, and the University of Edinburgh.
Kenneth William Murray Pitchthorn, Esquire, for the University of Cambridge.
John Parker, Esquire, for the Borough of Dagenham.
Major Hugh Charles Patrick Joseph Fraser, commonly called the Honourable Hugh Charles Patrick Joseph Fraser, for the County of Stafford (Stone Division).
Gerald Wellington Williams, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Tonbridge Division).
Thomas Loftus Cole, Esquire, for the Borough of Belfast (East Belfast Division).
Alexander Sloan, Esquire, for the County of Ayr and Bute (South Ayrshire Division).
Colonel Charles Edward Ponsonby, Esquire, for the County of Kent (Sevenoaks Division).
John Galway Foster, Esquire, for the County of Chester (Northwich Division).
Percy Freeman, Esquire, for the Borough of Newport.
Lieutenant William Stanley Shepherd, Esquire, for the Borough of Buckingham (Bucklow Division).

Resolved, That this House do now attend the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster, to give humble and reverent thanks to Almighty God on the victorious conclusion of the war.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House accordingly went;—and having returned;

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; by which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy; which he read to the House, as follows:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

The surrender of Japan has brought to an end six years of warfare which have caused untold loss and misery to the world. In this hour of deliverance, it is fitting that we should give thanks to Almighty God, by whose grace we have been brought to final victory. My Armed Forces from every part of My Commonwealth and Empire have fought with steady courage and endurance. To them and to all others who have borne their share in bringing about this great victory and to all our Allies our gratitude is due. We remember especially at this time those who have laid down their lives in the fight for freedom.

It is the firm purpose of My Government to work in the closest co-operation with the Governments of My Dominions and in concert with all peace-loving peoples to attain a world of freedom, peace and social justice so that the sacrifices of the war shall not have been in vain. To this end they are determined to promote throughout the world conditions under which all countries may face with confidence the urgent tasks of reconstruction, and to carry out in this country those policies which have received the approval of My people.

At Berlin My Ministers, in conference with the President of the United States and Premier Stalin, have laid the foundations on which the peoples of Europe, after the long nightmare of war, may restore their shattered lands. I welcome the establishment of the Council of Foreign Ministers which will shortly hold its first meeting in London and which will continue the work begun at Berlin in preparation for a final peace settlement.

My Ministers will submit to you the Charter of the United Nations which has now been signed without reservation by the representatives of all the fifty States who took part in the Conference at San Francisco and which expresses the determination of the United Nations to maintain peace in accordance with justice and respect for human rights and to promote the welfare of all peoples by international co-operation. The dismantling of the destructive weapon which science has now placed in the hands of humanity should bring home to all the lesson that the nations of the world must abolish recourse to war or perish by mutual destruction.

It has given Me special pleasure to meet the President of the United States on his brief visit to My country after the Conference at Berlin. I have also been glad to express the gratitude of this country to the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force for his inspiring leadership in the campaign for the liberation of Europe.

My Forces in Europe continue to discharge the duties entailed in the occupation of enemy countries and the repatriation of the many thousands of persons who were deported from their homes by the enemy. My Navy, aided by the Navies of My Allies, is clearing the seas of mines so that merchant ships and fishing fleets may once more sail in safety.

In the Far East My Ministers will make it their most immediate concern to ensure that all prisoners in Japanese hands are cared for and returned to their homes with all speed. The bringing of relief to those who have suffered under Japanese tyranny and the disarmament and control of the enemy will continue to impose heavy demands on My Forces.

Members of the House of Commons,

You will be asked to make further financial provision, not, happily, for the continuance of the war, but for expenditure on reconstruction and other essential services.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

My Government will continue the orderly release of men and women from the Armed Forces on the basis of the plans announced in
the autumn of last year, and will take every step to secure that these plans are carried out with the greatest speed consistent with our military commitments and fair treatment to service men and women. The arrangements already in operation for the resettlement in civil life of men and women released from the Forces and from war work, including those who have been disabled during their service, will be continued and, where necessary, expanded.

The continuing shortages in the supply of many necessaries, especially houses, food, clothing and fuel, will call for the same spirit of tolerance and understanding which the nation has displayed during the past six years of war.

It will be the aim of My Ministers to see that the national resources in labour and material are employed with the fullest efficiency in the interests of all and that the standard of living is progressively improved. In the pursuit of this aim the special problems of Scotland and Wales will have the attention of My Ministers.

My Government will take up with energy the tasks of reconverting industry from the purposes of war to those of peace, of expanding our export trade, and of securing by suitable control or by an extension of public ownership that our industries and services shall make their maximum contribution to the national wellbeing. The orderly solution of these difficult problems will require from all My people efforts comparable in intensity and public spirit to those which have brought us victory in war.

In order to promote employment and national development, machinery will be set up to provide for the effective planning of investment and a measure will be laid before you to bring the Bank of England under public ownership. A Bill will also be laid before you to nationalise the coal-mining industry as part of a concerted plan for the co-ordination of the fuel and power industries.

Legislation will be submitted to you to ensure that during the period of transition from war to peace there are available such powers as are necessary to secure the right use of our commercial and industrial resources and the distribution at fair prices of essential supplies and services.

An urgent and vital task of My Ministers will be to increase by all practicable means the number of homes available both in town and country. Accordingly they will organise the resources of the building and manufacturing industries in the most effective way to meet the housing and other essential building requirements of the nation. They will also lay before you proposals to deal with the problems of compensation and betterment in relation to town and country planning, to improve the procedure for the acquisition of land for public purposes, and otherwise to promote the best use of land in the national interest.

You will be asked to approve measures to provide a comprehensive scheme of insurance against industrial injuries, to extend and improve the scheme of social insurance and to establish a national health service. Legislation will be introduced to repeal the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Act.

My Ministers will develop to the fullest possible extent the home production of good food. To this end they will continue, with suitable adaptations, those war-time policies under which food production has been organised and the efficiency of agriculture improved, and will take all necessary steps to promote the healthiest fishing industry. The ravages of war have made world food supplies insufficient to meet demands, but My Ministers will do all in their power to provide and distribute food to My peoples at prices which they can afford to pay, and they will keep in being and extend the new food services for the workers and for mothers and children which have been established during the war.

A measure will be laid before you for the reorganisation of air transport.

It will be the aim of My Ministers to bring into practical effect at the earliest possible date the educational reforms which have already been approved.

My Government will continue to work in close consultation with the other Members of My Commonwealth on all matters of mutual concern.

In accordance with the promises already made to My Indian peoples, My Government will do their utmost to promote in conjunction with the leaders of Indian opinion the early realisation of full self-government in India.

They will also press on with the development of My Colonial Empire and the welfare of its peoples.

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

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an Victorious 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, would humbly convey to Your Majesty our congratulations on the achievement of final victory over Your enemies.

The enemy in Asia has followed the enemy in Europe into complete defeat and submission to the will of the victorious nations which have pledged themselves to free the world from aggression. We would rejoice with Your Majesty in the liberation of our fellow subjects in those lands which for more than three years have been subject to the ruthless oppression of the Japanese and in the removal of the peril of invasion from Your Dominions of Australia and New Zealand, Your Indian Empire and the eastern territories of Your Colonial Empire.

We would humbly acknowledge the great debt which Your peoples owe to Your Majesty and to Your most Gracious Consort for the courage with which You have sustained them, and the sympathy which You have shown them, reaffirming their love and their loyalty during the dark years in which You have shared their afflictions.

On this occasion of national rejoicing, we would pay especial tribute to Your Majesty's Forces from all parts of the British Common-
those who in home, office, industry or agriculture have contributed to victory.

It is now our most earnest prayer that the clouds of war which have overshadowed Your Majesty's reign will lift for ever and that the splendour of the victory which, by God's providence, we celebrate today, may be matched by the glory of Your peoples' achievements in the constructive work of peace.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by the whole House.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, do humblest know His Majesty's pleasure when He will be attended by this House.

Ordered, 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. 35 shall apply—

(a) to sittings on days other than Fridays, with the substitution of references to half past seven and half past eight for the references to a quarter past eight and a quarter past nine; and

(b) to sittings on Fridays, with the substitution of references to a quarter past one and a quarter past two for the references to a quarter past eight and a quarter past nine.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command on or after Wednesday, 1st day of this instant August, being the day on which this Parliament was appointed to meet, and delivered to the Librarian of the House, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Belgian Government relating to Property in the United Kingdom belonging to Persons resident in Belgium, signed at London on the 6th day of October 1944.

Copy of a Despatch to His Majesty's Ambassador in France (No. 2) regarding relations between 1945:

His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Vichy Government in the Autumn of 1940.

Copy of an Agreement by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of the United States of America, the Provisional Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the Prosecution and Punishment of the Major War Criminals of the European Axis, signed at London on the 8th day of August 1945.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 3rd July Bank Notes, 1945, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue. No. 1.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th June 1945, Import Duties entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 3) (Additional) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd July 1945, Import Duties entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 4) (Additional) Order, 1945.

Copies of Treasury Warrants, dated 23rd Income Tax, June 1945, appointing George Basil Todd-Jones, Esquire, an additional Special Commissioner, and Arthur Wyvil Baldwin, Esquire, a temporary additional Special Commissioner, of Income Tax.

Copy of Regulations, dated 11th July 1945, Acquisition entitled the Acquisition of Land (Valuation of Land for Supplemental Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 14th July 1945, War Damage entitled the War Damage to Goods (General) (Goods) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of a Warrant, dated 23rd July 1945, Pensions (Injury entitled the Injury Warrant (No. 2), 1945.

Warrant) Account of all Deposits received and paid Post Office Savings Banks.

during 1944, together with a Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to depositors in the Post Office Savings Banks on the 31st day of December 1944, and the nature and amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners to meet those Liabilities at that date.

Account for the year ended the 31st day of Savings Banks December 1944, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the names of the National Debt Commissioners to the Credit of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund, the Interest paid and credited to Depositors in pursuance of the Acts relating to Post Office Savings Banks, and the Expenses incurred in the execution of those Acts:—An Account for the year ended the 20th day of November 1944, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the names of the National Debt Commissioners to the Credit of the Fund for the Banks for Savings, and the Interest paid and credited to Trustees of Savings Banks: also showing the Expenses incurred in the Execution of the Acts relating to Savings Banks.—And, an Account for the year ended the 20th day of November 1944, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the names of the National Debt Commissioners to the Credit of the Fund for Friendly Societies, and the Interest paid and credited to the Trustees of Friendly Societies.
Copy of the Seventieth Annual Report of the Public Works Loan Board (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Bank Notes be printed.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th June 1945, entitled the Newport Harbour Commissioners (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1945.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 15th June 1945,—
(1) amending Regulation 5 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,
(2) adding Regulation 456 to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and amending the Third Schedule to those Regulations, and
(3) amending Regulation 606CAA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th June 1945, adding Regulation 15A to the Defence (Administration of Justice) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th June 1945, adding Regulation 22 to the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th June 1945, amending the Defence (Parliamentary Under-Secretaries) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th June 1945, adding Regulation 44 to the Defence (Trading with the Enemy) Regulations, 1940.


Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th June 1945, making further provision concerning retired pay, pensions and other grants.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Commentary on the Charter of the United Nations, signed at Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of an Inquiry by Lord Goddard into the procedure at a Case heard before two Justices sitting at San Francisco on the 26th day of June 1945. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report as to the Expulsion, Registration, and Prevention of Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of April to the 30th day of June 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 4th July 1945, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, to alter the alteration of Coroner's Districts in the County of Kent.

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Copy of Regulations, dated 10th August 1945, entitled the Electoral Registration (Local Elections) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 30th July, 1945, amending the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland), 1936.

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

Wing-Commander Strachey presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 11th June, 1945, amending and consolidating the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order dated 29th May 1940, which made special provision with regard to the issue of allowances to dependants of men in the Royal Air Force during hostilities, as amended by subsequent Orders,
(2) dated 15th June 1945, relating to the powers of command to be exercised over and by officers and airmen of the Royal Norwegian Air Force when attached to or serving with His Majesty's Air Forces,
(3) dated 16th June 1945, 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 Force Instructions for the Royal Air Force, 1928 (2nd Edition), and
(4) dated 22nd June 1945, amending in certain respects the Regulations with regard to allowances and compulsory stoppages of pay in respect of the separated and divorced wives of airmen appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 16th April 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 12th July 1945, amending His Majesty's Order dated 4th February 1944, which made special provision regarding the pay of members of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937:—
(1) Moray and Nairn (Superannuation) Joint Committee.
(2) Caithness County Council.
(3) Midlothian County Council.

Copy of Regulations, dated 31st May 1945, entitled the Nurses (Scotland) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 31st May 1945, entitled the Nurses' Agencies (Scotland) Regulations, 1945.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 7th June 1945, entitled the Miscellaneous Haberdashery (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1945,

(2) dated 20th June 1945, entitled the Aluminium Hollow-ware (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1945,

(3) dated 29th June 1945, entitled the Leather (Silver and Chamois) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945,

(4) dated 18th July 1945, entitled the Standard Wedding Rings (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945,

(5) dated 18th July 1945, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1945,

(6) dated 20th July 1945, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1945,

(7) dated 25th July 1945, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 4) Order, 1945,

(8) dated 31st July 1945, entitled the Laundry (Maximum Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1945, and

(9) dated 4th August 1945, entitled the Rags (Wiping Rags) (Maximum Charges) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 30th July 1945, entitled

(1) the Disabled Persons (Registration) Regulations, 1945,

(2) the Disabled Persons (District Advisory Committees and Panels) (Procedure) Regulations, 1945, and

(3) the Disabled Persons (Non-British Subjects) Regulations, 1945.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th June 1945, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army and Air Force Release from Service) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1945, entitled the National Health Insurance (Additional Benefits) Amendment Regulations, 1945.


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

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

(1) Ossett Borough Council,

(2) Rawtenstall Borough Council,

(3) Wednesbury Borough Council,

(4) Dagenham Borough Council,

(5) St. Albans City Council

(6) Godalming Borough Council,

(7) Brighouse Borough Council,

(8) South West Lancashire Superannuation Joint Committee.

(9) Redditch Urban District Council.

(10) Easington Rural District Council.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th July, 1945, Poor Law, entitled the Northamptonshire (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1945.

Copy of the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Railways Proceedings of the Railway Assessment Authority under the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1930, and of the Tenth Annual Report of the Proceedings of the said Authority under the said Act, as adapted and modified in its application to the London Passenger Transport Board (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945).

Copy of the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Railways Proceedings of the Anglo-Scottish Railways Assessment Authority under the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1930 (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945).

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


Copy of Regulations, dated 6th June 1945, entitled the Educational Conferences Regulations, 1945.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated Education, 18th June 1945, entitled the Education (Compulsory Purchase) Provisional Regulations, 1945.

Copy of Provisional Rules, dated 29th June Education, 1945, entitled the Teachers Superannuation Provisional Amending Rules, 1945.

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

Mr. Silkin 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.

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

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

Copy of Regulations, dated 18th June 1945, Acquisition of entitled the Acquisition of Land (Owner, Land Occupier) Regulations, 1945.


Copy of a Report to the Lord Chancellor, showing the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen and the Number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics between the 1st day of October 1944 and the 31st day of March 1945.

Copy of a Return to the Lord Chancellor, showing the Number of Visits made, and the Number of Patients seen by the several Commissioners of the Board of Control during the six months ended the 30th day of June 1945.

Copy of an Additional Rule for the Disposal of Documents which are not considered of sufficient Public Value to justify their Preservation in the Public Record Office, dated 29th January 1945, relating to Documents
or accruing in the Admiralty, the War Office, and the Air Ministry.

Copies of Rules of Court,—
(1) dated 6th March 1945, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1), 1945;
(2) dated 5th March 1945, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 2), 1945;
(3) dated 2nd May 1945, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (VE-Day), 1945, and
(4) dated 20th June 1945, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Long Vacation), 1945.

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

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

[No. 5.]

Thursday, 16th August, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath:—
Major Robert Hugh Turton, for the County of York, North Riding (Thirsk and Malton Division).
Mark Heawison, Esquire, for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull (Central Division).

The House was moved, That the Standing Orders of the 7th day of June 1945, relating to Private Bills suspended in the last Session of the last Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

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, was presented; and read the first and second time; and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) was ordered to be read the third time.

A Bill to amend the Manchester Ship Canal (Staff Superannuation) Act, 1926; to confer further powers upon the Manchester Ship Canal Company; and for other purposes was presented; and read the first and second time; and (the Bill having been reported in the last Parliament) was ordered to lie upon the Table.

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 and second time, and committed.

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 and second time; and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) was ordered to be read the third time.

A Bill to empower the Weaver Navigation Trustee to acquire lands; to extend the jurisdiction of the Trustees; and for other purposes was presented; and read the first and second time; and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) was ordered to be read the third time.

A Bill to confirm the construction by the Wibbech Water Works Company of certain water works; to empower the Company to construct new works and to raise additional money; and for other purposes was presented; and read the first and second time; and (the Bill having been reported in the last Parliament) was ordered to lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Standing Orders of the 7th day of June 1945, relating to Provisional Order Bills suspended in the last Session of the last Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The House was moved, That the entry in the Journal of the 15th day of May last recording the presentation of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, might be read: And the same being read, as follows, Mr. Noel-Baker presented a Bill, to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of War Transport under the Newcastle-upon-Tyne (General Powers) Act, 1935, relating to Newcastle-upon-Tyne Trolley Vehicles.

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was read the first and second time; and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Session of the last Parliament) was ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

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 Returns 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 willfully concerned in such Bribery or other corrupt practices.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

Ordered, That the Journal of this House, from the end of the last Session to the end of the present Session, with an Index thereto, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Gilbert Francis Montriou 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. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th August 1945, entitled the Electoral Registration (Local Elections) (Scotland) Regulations, 1945.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report respecting the Proceedings under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended the 27th day of July 1945.

Report on the administration of the Road Fund, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

Account of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Seamen’s Fund Winding-up Act, 1893, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

Copy of the Report and Abstract of Accounts Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

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

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

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 13th August 1945, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (V-day) 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 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 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, North Devon Colne Valley Water Board Bill [Lords].

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 Mid Southern Utility Bill [Lords].

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 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; 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.

Ordered, That Major Milner be Chairman of the Committee of Privileges.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Oliver, and Mr. Tom Fraser, presented a Bill

Ordered, That Major Milner be Chairman of the Committee of Privileges.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Oliver, and Mr. Tom Fraser, presented a Bill
to amend the law relating to local elections in its application to persons who are or have been engaged in service outside the United Kingdom: 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).—(The Prime Minister.)

Business of the House.

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.—(Major John Freeman)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

(1) Government business shall have precedence 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 Standing Order No. 37;

(3) Whenever the House is adjourned for more than one day, notices of questions received by the Clerks at the Tables 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 Standing Order No. 1 shall have effect as if all the words after 'clock' were omitted and the following words were substituted therefor:—

or, if proceedings exempted as hereinafter 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 Standing Order No. 1:

(8) A motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown, either with or without notice and either at the commencement of public business or at any time thereafter, to be decided without amendment or debate, to the effect either—

(a) That the proceedings on any specified business be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 'Sittings of the House'; or
(b) That the proceedings on any specified business be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 'Sittings of the House' for a specified period after the hour appointed for the interruption of business.

(9) If a motion made under the preceding paragraph be agreed to, the business so specified shall not be interrupted if it is under discussion at the hour appointed for the interruption of business, may be entered upon at any hour although opposed, and, if under discussion when the business is postponed under the proviso of any Standing Order, may be resumed and proceeded with, though opposed, after the interruption of business.

Provided that business exempted for a specified period shall not be entered upon, or be resumed after the expiration of that period, and, if not concluded earlier, shall be interrupted at the end of that period, and the relevant provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Standing Order shall then apply.

(10) Provided always that not more than one motion under paragraph (8) may be made at any one sitting, and that, after any business exempted from the operation of the order is disposed of, the remaining business of the sitting shall be dealt with according to the provisions applicable to business taken after the hour appointed for the interruption of business.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Mathers; Mr. Robert Taylor; 329.
Tellers for the Noses, Major Mott-Radclyffe; Sir Arthur Young; 142.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That, during the present Session, when 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...
dubnettro: 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 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, 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. Herbert Morrison.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[No. 6.]

Friday, 17th August, 1945.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

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.

The House was moved, That the Standing Orders of the 7th day of June, 1945, relating to Private Bills suspended in the last Session of the last Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords.] was read the first and second time, and committed.

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 North Devon Water Board Bill [Lords.] was read the first and second time, and committed.

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.

The Gloucester Corporation Bill [Lords.] was Gloucester Corporation Bill [Lords.] read the first time.

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

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters exchanged and Memorandum of Agreement regarding Payments and the Liquidation of Indebtedness between the United Kingdom and Finland, signed at London on the 2nd day of August, 1945. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Emergency Powers (Defence) (Finance) Regulations, 1939. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Expenses of each Candidate at the General Election of July 1945 in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as declared to the Returning Officers pursuant to the Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883, and of the number of votes polled by each candidate, the number of polling districts and stations, the number of electors, and the number of postal voters (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 130 of Session 1935-36).—(Mr. Oliver.)

Mr. Herbert Morrison reported to the House, TheKing That His Majesty, having been waited upon, appoints to be pursuant to their Order of the 15th day of this instant August, humbly to know His Majesty's pleasure when He will be attended by this House, a Return of the Expenses of the last Parliament, might be read; or the Question thereupon to the House, or the Motion for an Address, which is of an urgent character and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of Business.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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

Earl Winterton moved, That the Debate be now adjourned, but Mr. Deputy Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker declined to propose the Question (Abuse of Rules).
Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Mathers.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Elections (Service Abroad) Bill:

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider whether the elections of Mrs. Joan Mann and Mr. John C. Forman, as Members of this House for the County of Lanark (Coatbridge Division) and the Burgh of Glasgow (Springburn Division), respectively, are invalid on the ground that they at the time of their election were members of a Tribunal constituted under the Rent ( Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943;—And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Clement Davies, Sir Ralph Glyn, Sir Arnold Gridley, Dr. Haden Guest, Mr. Hector Hughes, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Sydney Silverman and Mr. Webb.

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.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges do consist of Ten Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Eden, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. Montague, Mr. Herbert Morrison and Mr. Hobson.

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 7.]


The House met at a quarter of Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received cablegrams from the President of the Congress of Costa Rica and the President of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, which he read to the House, as follow:

House of Commons, London.

In the name of the Congress of Costa Rica I express supreme satisfaction at the cessation of hostilities and desire the continuation in

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the future of the unalterable relations of our two peoples who were united during the world war in a common destiny.

respectfully,

Dr. R. A. Grillo,

President of the Congress, Costa Rica.

Mr. Speaker, the House of Commons, London.

I have the honour to request your Excellency to be good enough to acquaint the House of Commons with the following motion which the Grand National Assembly of Turkey has voted unanimously during its sitting on the 15th August, 1945—

On the occasion of the unconditional surrender of Japan. It is with great joy that we have learnt the news of the unconditional surrender of Japan and the end of the war which during many years has ravaged the world and cost the lives of millions of human beings. We feel a profound admiration for those who have heroically sacrificed their lives in the struggle against the aggressors, and we sincerely share the great sorrow of their families. Our admiration is boundless for those who in order to arrive at this end have given brilliant proof of the powers of humanity in different fields of action.

(Signed) Abdul Alik Renda,

President of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

The East Grinstead Gas and Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Wadebridge Rural District Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The 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.

The Committee of Selection was nominated Selection.

of Mr. Daggar, Mr. Dobbie, Sir Stanley Holmes, Mr. Horabin, Colonel Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Messer, Colonel Ponsonby, Sir Stanley Reed, Mr. Tom Smith and Sir Robert Young.—(Mr. Mathers.)

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement between the United Nations, signed at San Francisco No. II, 1945.)

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

Mr. Secretary Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of the Report of the Committee on Colonies (Miscellaneous, for the sixth day of June 1945.

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

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Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Summary Report by the Department of Health for Scotland for the year ended the 30th day of June 1945.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Wilmot, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Oliver, 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, for enabling Defence Regulations to be made for the control of prices and charges, for the continuation of Defence Regulations so applied or made during a limited period notwithstanding the expiry of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 to 1945, and for the amendment of other enactments in consequence of such continuation; 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 Thursday next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow at Eleven of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Local Elections (Service Abroad) Bill be exempted, at this day's sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant August, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,
Worthy of 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. Mathers.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Local Elections (Service Abroad) 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, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being 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.—(Mr. Mathers)—And a Debate arising thereupon; And it being after a quarter past Nine of the clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.  

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

MR. Speaker, with the House, went up to the Table, and attended His Majesty.  
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:—My Lords and Members of the House of Commons.

It gives me great pleasure to meet you here to-day, with representatives of the Dominions, India and the Colonies, and to thank you for your loyal addresses of congratulations on the victorious conclusion of the war.

Together with all the freedom-loving peoples of the world we rejoice in the surrender of the last enemy, Japan.  This war against Japan has been fought far from the shores of these islands, but I am proud that My people in this country have contributed in full measure to the victory achieved.  My peoples and those of my Allies in the Far East are now, thank God, freed from the Japanese yoke, and our prisoners of war and civilian internes can be released from their captivity.

In this moment of final victory, let us first pay tribute to the Armed Forces, to whose courage, endurance and sacrifice our debt is immeasurable.  

My Navies in the Pacific and Indian Ocean, side by side with the fleets of My Allies, have regained total command of the sea.  The British Pacific Fleet, including units of the Royal Canadian, Royal Australian and Royal New Zealand Navies, has fought its way in comradship with the American Navy to the heart of the Japanese Empire.  My East Indies Fleet, including ships of the Royal Indian Navy, has driven the enemy from the Indian Ocean and given powerful support to the Armies in Burma.

The Armies of the British Commonwealth and Empire have steadfastly endured the dangers and hardships of tropical warfare serving together in a spirit of brotherhood which will prevail through the years to come.
Ever since the men of the Australian Imperial Forces inflicted upon the Japanese land forces in New Guinea the first reverse which they had suffered, our Allies have pressed hard upon the enemy. It is, I think, proper to pay particular tribute to the gallant forces from the United Kingdom, India, East and West Africa and from the hills of Burma who, under conditions of almost unbearable severity, liberated Burma in a campaign of outstanding brilliance. In this campaign the medical and nursing services have added yet another glorious page to their splendid record throughout the war.

The Royal Air Force, together with the Dominion, Royal Indian and Allied Air Forces, has won historic victories in the air and has shared to the full in our successes on land and sea. Just as our hearts go out to those few whose spirit and achievement first sustained us in the Battle of Britain so also do we pay tribute to those who, with power grown to match their bravery, have taken their place in the last great offensives of the Allies.

The dangers of the wartime ocean have not deterred the Merchant Navy and the men of our fishing fleets from carrying out those tasks without which our military effort would have failed for lack of supplies, and our people at home would have starved.

Let us remember the debt we can never repay to those who have given their lives that we might live in freedom. Once again, the Queen and I offer our heartfelt sympathy to all those to whom the war has brought bereavement.

Under God's Providence, victory over Germany has been swiftly followed by this crowning mercy of victory over Japan. Peace is restored at last to a world weary of the horrors and privations of war.

My people at home have endured the dangers and shared the toils of war, and have cheerfully accepted deprivation and discomfort in order to fulfil the task of equipping our forces.

To the women of Britain I would pay especial tribute. In industry and the services they have played their full part. In the home they have willingly accepted anxiety and long hours of toil to care for their menfolk and their children in sickness and in health.

I am especially glad to acknowledge the unfailing support in men, materials and food given throughout the war by all parts of My Commonwealth and Empire. They have suffered and struggled with us, and with us they share the joy of victory.

I am proud to honour the great and gallant Allies with whom we have been linked in the struggle against aggression; the United States of America and the Soviet Union, whose great armies and resources have contributed so largely to the victory, and the people of China, who for eight years have withstood the savagery of the invader. We salute the great company of nations, large and small, who have contributed to the limit of their power to the restoration of peace on earth.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons.

The time of destruction is ended; the era of reconstruction begins. To this great and difficult task we are resolved to contribute all that is in our power. The new and terrible force which was unleashed against Japan makes it more than ever necessary that the Grand Alliance of Nations should endure and prosper, so that the nations of the world may, with God's Grace, live in that peace and fellowship through which alone they can ensure their salvation. It is My most fervent hope that we are entering upon an age of peaceful progress, wherein the natural talent and enterprise of My peoples can be devoted to the advancement of the happiness and prosperity of mankind.

The following Member made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law:—

James Maxton, Esquire, for the Burgh of Glasgow (Bridgeton Division).

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Treasury, Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Denmark, signed at London on the 16th day of August 1945.

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

Wing-Commander Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 

—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1945, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 21st December 1944, and included in a volume entitled the King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force, 1928 (2nd Edition).

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 

—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th August 1945, entitled the Emergency Powers (Jersey) Order in Council, 1945.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th August 1945, entitled the Emergency Powers (Guernsey) Order in Council, 1945.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the Cinematograph Films Council (relating to the year ended the 31st day of March 1945).

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

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of the Report of the Inter.-Departmental Committee on the Selling Price of Houses.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Civil Judicial Majesty's Command, Copy of Statistics relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the House of Lords, the Supreme Court of Judicature, County Courts and other Civil Courts for 1944.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Second Annual Report of the Catering Wages Commission (for the year ended 31st July 1945).

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order (No. 6,632), dated 17th August 1945, authorising the withdrawal of prohibition on landing of animals and hay and straw brought from Jersey.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Thomas Williams, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Manuscript containing the Second Annual Report of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, and for other purposes.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the dissolution of the Conservators appointed by the Commons Regulation (Redhill and Earlswood Commons) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1884; and for the transfer of the powers and duties of the said Conservators to the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Reigate; to confer further powers on the Corporation in regard to their water and electricity undertakings; and to make further provision for the improvement, health, local government and finances of the Rural District; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the improvement, health, local government and finances of the Borough of Reigate; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide that the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Wallasey are not required to maintain a service of steam or other boats for the transport of carriages cattle goods required to maintain a service of steam or other boats for the transport of carriages cattle goods; to confer further powers on the Council in regard to their water and electricity undertakings; and to make further provision for the improvement, health, local government and finances of the Borough; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Plympton St. Mary Rural District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Reigate Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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

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

The Committee of Public Accounts was nominated of Mr. Benson, Mr. Douglas, Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Dower, Mr. Glanvil Hall, Mr. Hector Hughes, Mr. Henry Hynd, Mr. McAllister, Sir John Mullor, Mr. Peake, Mr. Pitchford, Sir Frank Sanderson, Mr. Thurtle, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Maurice Webb and Mr. Williamson.—(Mr. Mathers.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant August, 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.

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 Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Francis Beattie, Lieutenant-Commander Gurney Brathwaite, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. George Griffiths, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Mr. Hardman, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. Mainwaring, Mr. McIntee, Sir Henry Morris-Jones, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mrs. Ridealgh, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Walkden and Sir Arthur Young.

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

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

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.

[No. 9.]

Wednesday, 22nd August, 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 His Majesty, having been attended with their Address of yesterday, 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.


Return of all Loans raised in England India (Loans chargeable on the revenues of India) outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended the 31stst day of March 1945, 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 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.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Industry of an Order, dated 21st July 1945, entitled the Sea-Fishing Industry (Restriction of Fishing in Northern Waters) Suspension Order, 1945.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Industry of an Order, dated 7th August 1945, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order, 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 20th August 1945, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1945.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the ratification of the Charter of the United Nations signed at San Francisco in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the 26th day of June 1945—(The Prime Minister):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

Resolved, That the Electoral Registration Local Government (Local Elections) Regulations, 1945, dated 10th August 1945, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the
Representation of the People Act, 1945, a copy of which Regulations was presented on the 15th day of this instant August, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Electoral Registration (Local Elections) (Scotland) Regulations, 1945, dated 10th August, 1945, made by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Representation of the People Act, 1945, a copy of which Regulations was presented on the 16th day of this instant August, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Westwood.)

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

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

[No. 10.]

Thursday, 23rd August, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Alexander presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th May 1945, entitled the National Fire Service (General), (No. 3) Regulations, 1945. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 2. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Certificate of the Auditors of the Accident Offices Association showing the effect in respect of the year 1944 of the Undertaking given by the Association for the purpose of limiting the charges to employers in respect of Employers' Liability Insurance.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the Merchant directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) 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 of Court, dated 15th August Supreme Court (Scotland) Act, 1936: Mr. Alexander Anderson, Viscount Corse, Sir William Darling, Lieutenant-Commander Clark Hutchison, Mr. Kirkwood, Major McCallum, Mr. McKinlay, Sir Basil Neven-Spence, Sir John Orr, Major Ramsay, Mr. Rankin, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Scollan, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Snadden, Mr. Steele, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Timmons and Mr. Watson.

Mr. Neil Maclean further reported from the Select Committee on Elections, That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Neil Maclean further reported from the Select Committee, That 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. Alexander Anderson, Viscount Corse, Sir William Darling, Lieutenant-Commander Clark Hutchison, Mr. Kirkwood, Major McCallum, Mr. McKinlay, Sir Basil Neven-Spence, Sir John Orr, Major Ramsay, Mr. Rankin, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Scollan, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Snadden, Mr. Steele, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Timmons and Mr. Watson.
Mr. Frederick Lee, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. McGovern, Mrs. Leah Manning, Mr. Medland, Mr. Percy Morris, Mr. Harold Neal, Mr. William Paling, Mr. Pargiter, Mr. John Paton, Mr. Edward Porter, Mr. Prescott, Commander Pursey, Mr. E. P. Smith, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Spearman, Major Staudholme, Mr. Sutcliffe, Flight Lieutenant Turner-Samuels, Mr. Torton, Lieutenant-Colonel Walker-Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Henry White, Mr. Gerald Williams and Mr. York.

Mr. Neil Maclean further reported from the Committee, that they had appointed the following Members to serve on Standing Committee B:—Mr. Alpass, Mrs. Ayton-Gould, Miss Bacon, Mr. Deer, Mr. Durbin, Colonel Dodds-Farmer, Mr. Dye, Mr. Foot, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hale, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. David Jones, Mr. John Lewis, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Mr. McLeavy, Captain MacLeod, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Sir John Mellor, Mr. Messer, Mr. Montague, Lieutenant-Colonel Harry Morris, Major Nield, Commander Noble, Mr. Orr-Ewing, Mrs. Florence Paton, Mr. Titterington, Mr. Pitman, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Mr. Robey, Brigadier Raynor, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Sir David Robertson, Colonel Ropner, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Mr. Viant, Lieutenant-Colonel Wigg, Major Wilkes, Mr. Williamson and Mr. Wise.

Mr. Neil Maclean reported from the Committee of Selection, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Local Elections (Service Abroad) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented a Bill to validate certain proceedings for dissolution of marriage in the High Court in Bombay:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. James Griffiths, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Lindgren, 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.

Mr. Thomas Williams, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Gwenn Hall, and Mr. Thomas Fraser, 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 to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Hall, supported by Mr. Creech Jones, presented a Bill to enable the powers conferred by the British Settlements Act, 1887, on His Majesty in Council to be delegated as well by Order of His Majesty in Council as by an instrument passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, and to amend the provisions of that Act with respect to the persons to whom those powers may be delegated:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising Adjournment, to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday, the 9th day of October next.—[Mr. Herbert Morrison.]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the ratification of the Charter of the United Nations signed at San Francisco in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the 26th day of June, 1945:—And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put;—Resolved, That this House approves the ratification of the Charter of the United Nations signed at San Francisco in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the 26th day of June, 1945.

Resolved, That this House approves the India (Failure of Cattle) (including any Provisional Proclamation) Bill, (To be proceeded with under S.O. No. 64A.) Bill 7.

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Resolved, That this House, at its rising Adjournment, to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday, the 9th day of October next.—[Mr. Herbert Morrison.]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the ratification of the Charter of the United Nations signed at San Francisco in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the 26th day of June, 1945:—And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put;—Resolved, That this House approves the ratification of the Charter of the United Nations signed at San Francisco in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the 26th day of June, 1945.

Resolved, That this House approves the ratification of the Charter of the United Nations signed at San Francisco in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the 26th day of June, 1945.

Ordered, That Mr. Clement Davies, Sir Charles Edwards, Sir Ralph Glyn, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Montague and Sir Henry Morris-Jones be Managing Trustees of the House of Commons Members' Fund in pursuance of section two of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act, 1939.—[Mr. Mathers.]

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider every Statutory Rule and Orders, &c. (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 Standing Committees) :

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

And the Committee was nominated of standing Committees consisted of the following Members, being Members representing Scottish Constituencies, under paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) —

Mr. Alexander Anderson Mr. MacKay
Sir John Anderson Mr. Neil Maclean
Mr. Balfour Captain MacLeod
Mr. Francis Beattie Mr. MacMillan
Mr. Buchanan Mr. Neil
Mr. Cook Major Niall
Viscount Cordenale Mrs. Mann
Sir William Darling Mr. Mathers
Mr. Eric Dower Mr. Maxwell-Low
Mr. Dougall Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Thomas Moore
Mr. Forman Sir Basil Neven-Spence
Mr. Thomas Fraser Commander Galbraith
Mr. Gallacher Sir John Orr
Mr. Gilson Mr. Pryde
Colonel Cameron-Duncan Major Ramsay
Mr. Hannan Mr. Rankin
Lieutenant-Colonel Hope Lord William Scott
Mr. Hoyle Mrs. Shaw
Mr. Hubbard Mr. Sloan
Mr. Hector Hughes Major Spence
Lieutenant-Commander Clarke Hutchison Mr. Steele
Lieutenant-Colonel James Hutchison Mr. Stephen
Sir John Graham Kerr Mr. Henderson Stewart
Mr. Kirkwood Mr. Strachey
Mr. Leonard Mr. James Stuart
Major Guy Loyd Sir Douglas Thomson
Mr. McAllister Colonel Thornton-Kemsley
Colonel Sir Charles MacAndrew
Major McCallum Sir Douglas Thomson
Sir Murdoch MacDonald Colonel Thornton-Kemsley
Mr. Metcalfe Mr. Timmons
Mr. McKie Mr. Watson
Mr. Mc Kinlay Mr. Secretary Westwood

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

The Manchester Ship Canal Bill was read a third time, and passed.

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

A Public Petition was presented, and read ; Public Petitions.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Public Petitions.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th May 1945, amending the Defence (Enemy

Mr. Manager) Regulations, 1939, and the Defence (Evacuated Areas) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th Emergency Powers

May 1945, amending the Defence (Enemy Currency) Regulations, 1941.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members.—And the Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. William Brown, Mr. Seymour Cocks, Mr. Cove, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Crossman, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Gaitshill, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Mr. Messer, Mr. Pichthorn, Mr. James Reid, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Mr. Viant, Mr. Maurice Webb, Mr. Octavius Willey, Earl Winstenton and Sir Robert Young.

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

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they do report as soon as possible upon any scheme for the acceleration of proceedings on Public Bills which may be submitted to them on behalf of His Majesty's Government.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "and that during the consideration of any such scheme they do report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and such other records relating to any such scheme as they may think fit and that if the House be not sitting, they do send such Minutes and records to the Clerk of the House, who shall thereupon give directions for the printing and circulation thereof, and shall lay the same upon the Table of the House at its next meeting.—(Captain Crowder.)"

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they do report as soon as possible upon any scheme for the acceleration of proceedings on Public Bills which may be submitted to them on behalf of His Majesty's Government and that during the consideration of any such scheme they do report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and such other records relating to any such scheme as they may think fit, and that if the House be not sitting, they do send such Minutes and records to the Clerk of the House, who shall thereupon give directions for the printing and circulation thereof, and shall lay the same upon the Table of the House at its next meeting.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 9th day of October next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of yesterday.
The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath:

Sir Thomas Lionel Dygdale, Baronet, for the County of York, North Riding (Richmond Division).

Sir David Robertson, for the Borough of Wandsworth (Stratham Division).

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

For the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir William Allen Jowitt, r.c., called up to the House of Peers;

For the Borough of Edinburgh (East Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Frederick William Bethick-Lawrence, called up to the House of Peers;

For the Borough of Smethwick, in the room of Alfred James Dobbs, Esquire, deceased; and

For the County of Monmouth (Monmouth Division), in the room of Leslie Ruthven Pym, Esquire, deceased.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received a Message from the President of the Peruvian Chamber of Deputies, which he read to the House, as followeth:—

I have much pleasure in informing you that the Chamber of Deputies of Peru expresses its satisfaction to the British people for the democratic victory which they have obtained in the recent elections which is of far reaching importance for humanity; its struggle for the advent of a free and just socialist order.

(signed)

FERNANDO LEON DE VIVERO, President.

CARLOS MANUEL COX and AUGUSTO DURAND, Secretaries.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command, were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 8th October 1945, in pursuance of the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 8th October 1945, entitled the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 3) Order, 1945.

Copy of a Monetary Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Nations, signed at London on the 29th day of August 1945.

Copy of a Summary Report on Education in Scotland for 1944.

Copy of a Report on Training for Business Administration.

Copy of a Report on the Re-organisation of the Scientific Civil Service during the reconstruction period.


Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Provisional Government of the French Republic relating to the war, signed at London on the 29th day of August 1945.

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Provisional Government of the French Republic relating to money and property situated in France and the United Kingdom which have been subjected to special measures in consequence of the enemy occupation of France, signed at London on the 29th day of August 1945.

Copy of a Monetary Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Royal Netherlands Government, signed at London on the 7th day of September 1945.

Copy of Resolutions adopted by the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration at its Third Session, held in London during the period from the 7th to the 24th day of August 1945.

Copy of a Report on the Reform in Ceylon.

Copy of a Scientific Civil Service (Administrative Class).

Copy of a Statement on salaries and organisation of the Administrative Class of the Civil Service.

Copy of a Statement on the re-organisation and recruitment of the Scientific Civil Service during the reconstruction period.
Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply, and that the other Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimates be printed.

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

Copy of the Thirtieth Report of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales (for 1944).

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council,—

(1) dated 9th May 1945, revoking and amending certain Defence Regulations,

(2) dated 28th May 1945, amending the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and the Defence (Evacuated Areas) Regulations, 1940;

(3) dated 28th September 1945, revoking and amending certain Defence Regulations, Copies of Orders in Council, dated 9th May 1945,—

(1) amending Regulation 56A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939,

(2) adding Regulation 58AAA to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and

(3) 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.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th May 1945, amending the Defence (Enemy Currency) Regulations, 1941.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th May 1945, revoking and amending certain Defence (General) Regulations (Isle of Man).


Copy of an Order in Council,—

(1) dated 3rd August 1945, entitled the Ministry of Works (Transfer of Powers) (No. 1) Order 1945,

(2) dated 3rd August 1945, entitled the Ministry of Works (Transfer of Powers) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

(3) dated 6th October 1945, entitled the Ministry of Works (Transfer of Powers) (No. 2A) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 74th Air Force, August 1945, relating to the reconstitution of the Air Council.


Copy of Orders in Council,—

(1) dated 21st March 1945, entitled the Circuit (Wales and Chester) Provisional Order 1945, and

(2) dated 9th May 1945, entitled the Circuit (Wales and Chester) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th Diplomatic September 1945, entitled the Diplomatic Privileges (The Transport Organisation and War Crimes Commission) Order in Council, 1945.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th Aliens, September 1945, entitled the Aliens Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 6th Marriages October 1945, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (War Marriages) (Aden, Cyprus and Tanganyika Territory) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Proclamations issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935,—

(1) on the 27th day of August 1945, by the Governor of Bihar,

(2) on the 3rd day of September 1945, by the Governor of the Central Provinces and Berar; and

(3) on the 7th day of September 1945, by the Governor of Orissa.

Copy of Amendments, dated 22nd August 1945, to the Council of State Electoral Rules.

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

Mr. Secretary Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Governor of Saint Vincent in Council on the 2nd day of May 1945, entitled the Prison Rules, 1945.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 15th August 1945, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 4) Order, 1945,

(2) dated 15th August 1945, entitled the Services Laundry (Maximum Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1945,

(3) dated 18th August 1945, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 5) Order, 1945,

(4) dated 21st August 1945, entitled the Enamelled Hollow-Ware (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945,

(5) dated 24th August 1945, entitled the Rubber Footwear (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1945,

(6) dated 28th August 1945, entitled the Combs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945,

(7) dated 13th September 1945, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 5) Order, 1945, and
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of a Scheme made by the Wilts County Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report by a Court of Inquiry concerning a dispute between the National Union of Railwaymen and the United Society of Boilermakers and Iron and Steel Shipbuilders relating to Stratford Locomotive Works.

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

Miss Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th July 1945, entitled the Handicapped Pupils and School Health Service Regulations, 1945.

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

Wing-Commander Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd August 1945, making provision for the return to civilian life of members of His Majesty’s Air Forces.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Berwick County Council and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 29th August 1945, entitled the Education (Scotland) Social and Physical Training Grants Provisional Regulations, 1945.

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

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Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th September 1945, entitled the Coal Mines (Training) General Regulations.

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

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 18th August 1945, entitled—
(1) the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944. Compulsory Purchase (Contemporary) Procedure) Regulations, 1945, and
(2) the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944. (Particulars and Form of Orders and Notices) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd October 1945, Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Burke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statements showing as regards the Telegraph Service and the Telephone Service the Amount expended during the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, on account of the Annual Charge in respect of any Securities or Terminable Annuities created under the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1925, and the Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Acts, 1928 to 1942, for the purpose of the Services:—And, certain Returns relating to Capital Borrowings.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the Order made upon the 24th day of August last, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Procedure. Select Committee on Procedure and Memorandum submitted to the Committee on behalf of His Majesty’s Government, printed and circulated by direction of the Clerk of the House, pursuant to the said Order.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
Copy of the Thirty-first Annual Report of the Lunacy and Mental Deficiency. Board of Control (for 1944), Part I.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence Procedure, taken before the Select Committee on Procedure on Public Business in the Session of 1930–31 and the Select Committee on Procedure in the Session of 1931–32 be referred to the Select Committee on Procedure.—(Sir Robert Young.)
Mr. Herbert Morrison, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) [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 dealing with supplies and services and with the control of prices and charges, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by any Minister of the Crown in consequence of the passing of the said Act, and any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act in any sums authorised or required by any other enactment to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament; and

(b) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums which, in consequence of the passing of the said Act, are recovered under section two of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939.

—(Mr. Secretary Isacs.)

Resolution to be reported,

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Eight o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 13.]

Wednesday, 10th October, 1945.

The House met at quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, on the 24th day of May 1945, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the Factory directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Special Regulations made under the Factories Act, 1937, dated 28th September 1945, entitled the Woodworking (Amendment of Scope) Special Regulations, 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:—Second Report of the Proceedings of the Tithe Redemption Commission.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing (1) Particulars of all Aliens to whom Certificates of Naturalization have been issued and whose Oaths of Allegiance have, during the year ended the 31st day of December 1944, been registered at the Home Office; (2) Information as to any Aliens who have, during the same period, obtained Acts of Naturalization from the Legislature; and (3) Particulars of cases in which Certificates of Naturalization have been revoked during the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 99 of Session 1943-44.) (Mr. Oliver.)

George Reid Thomson, Esquire, K.C., Member for the Burgh of Edinburgh (East Division), sworn.
Mr. Secretary Westwood, supported by Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Thomas Fraser, presented a Bill to make provision for the conservation of water resources and for water supplies in Scotland and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison and Mr. Gwili Hall, presented a Bill to bring the capital stock of the Bank of England into public ownership and bring the Bank under public control, to make provision with respect to the relations between the Treasury, the Bank of England and other banks and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Gwili Hall, presented a Bill to validate the election of Mrs. Jean Mann and John Forman, Esquire, to the House of Commons, notwithstanding their being ordered to be a quarter of an hour after Ten of the clock, adjourned till seventeen minutes after Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) 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.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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.

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

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

[No. 14.]

Thursday, 11th October, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

MR. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of an Agreement on Petroleum between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America, signed at London on the 24th day of September 1945.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st October 1945, entitled the Storage (Maximum Charges) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Privilege, this day a writ of summons had been served upon one of the Officers of the House within its precincts.

Ordered, That the subject matter of the said communication be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Mr. Isaacs, supported by Mr. Secretary Bevin, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Ness Edwards, presented a Bill to make further provision for regulating the employment of dock workers: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, supported by Mr. Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Bill.

Mr. Attorney 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 orders made under certain existing enactments ; and to enable such procedure to be applied to certain other orders : And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the applicability to the Bank of England Bill of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) 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 Standing Committee.

Mr. James Griffiths, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion relating to National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) [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 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, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) contributions towards the cost of benefit payable under the said Act and any other payments to be made out of the Industrial Injuries Fund established thereunder, being contributions not exceeding sums estimated by the Treasury to be equal to one-fifth of the aggregate contributions paid under the said Act by employers and insured persons;

(b) such other sums as may be required for making any payments (not being payments in respect of the cost of such benefit as aforesaid or other payments required by the said Act to be made out of the said Fund) which are authorised or required by the said Act to be made by the Minister of National Insurance or any other Government department.

— (Mr. James Griffiths.)

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 the Import Duties (Exemptions) Order, 1945, dated 11th June 1945, made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which Order was presented on the 13th day of June in the last Session of the last Parliament be approved.— (Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties (No. 2) Order, 1945, dated 12th June 1945, made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which Order was presented on the 13th day of June in the last Session of the last Parliament be approved.— (Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Notice was given this day that the following Member, being a Member representing a Scotch Constituency, was a Member of the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland and committed to a Standing Committee under paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) —

The Lord Advocate.

Friday, 12th October, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of London in the room of Sir George Thomas Broadbridge, Baronet, K.C.V.O., now Lord Broadbridge, called up to the House of Peers.— (Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Major Henderson presented, pursuant to the India directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 29th day of September 1945 by the Governor of Madras under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935.

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

The Coatbridge and Springburn Elections (Validation) 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 Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Indian Franchise Bill [Lords] 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 the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Draft of an Order entitled House of Lords (Boundary Commissioners) (Appointed Day) Order, 1945, a copy of which was presented on the 9th day of this instant October, be approved.— (Mr. Oliver.)

The Indian Divorce Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The British Settlements Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

(Captain Stewart.)

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. Mathers.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill to Standing Committee A.

[No. 16.]

Monday, 15th October, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement concerning the establishment of an European Central Inland Transport Organisation, signed at London on the 27th day of September 1945 (with Annex and Protocol).

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937:—

(1) Aberdeen County Council.
(2) Dunfermline Town Council.

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

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session dealing with supplies and services and with the control of prices and charges, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by any Minister of the Crown in consequence of the passing of the said Act, and any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act in any sums authorised or required by any other enactment to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament; and

(b) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums which, in consequence of the passing of the said Act, are recovered under section two of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power to extend purposes of certain Defence Regulations).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words—

“(b) to facilitate the demobilisation and resettlement of persons and to secure the orderly disposal of surplus material; or”

—(Mr. Oliver.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mathers, Yeas, Mr. Pearson: 275.]
Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Noes, Mr. Drewe: 143.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that any such Order in Council shall cease to have effect twelve months after the last date upon which it was laid or read before Parliament in accordance with section four of this Act.”—(Sir John Mellor.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Mott-Radcliff, Yeas, Mr. Drewe: 157.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Mathers, Noes, Mr. Pearson: 311.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that such adaptations shall not include any new authority or extension of authority to take possession or control, on behalf of His Majesty any property other than land or to enter and search any premises; and provided that such adaptations shall not provide for the amending of any enactment, for suspending the operation of any enactment and for applying any enactment with or without modification and shall not provide for requiring persons to place themselves, their services and their property at the disposal of His Majesty.”—(Mr. James Reid.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Power to make Defence Regulations for controlling prices).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 33, to leave out from the beginning to the end of l. 37, and insert the words “His Majesty may by Order in Council make such”.—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 43, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 and 4 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Application of principal Acts and effect of their expiry, and adaptation of other enactments). Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 43, to leave out subsection (5).—(Mr. Turton.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Application of powers of Minister of Supply). Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 1, to leave out subsection (2).—(Major Lloyd.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Duration). Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 38, to leave out the word "five," and insert the word "two."—(Mr. Eden.) Question put, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Joseph Henderson: 306.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Arthur Young: 183.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Buchanan Hepburn: 258.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Arthur Young: 139.

Clause No. 9 agreed to.

A Clause (Saving for legislative powers of Parliament of Northern Ireland)—(Mr. Secretary Ede)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

First Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Second Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 39, column 2, at the end, to insert the words, "Section five. The whole section (which does not relate to Defence Regulations)."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.) Question, That those words be there inserted, 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 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 a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present state of the Library of the House of Commons:—And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Benson, Mr. Seymour Cocks, Mr. Douglas, Professor Gruffydd, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. John Punon, Mr. Pickthorn, Professor Savory and Mr. Edward Smith.

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

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

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

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

[No. 17.]

Tuesday, 16th October, 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 Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Colne Valley Water Bill [Lords].
Gloucester Corporation Bill [Lords].
Mid Southern Utility Bill [Lords].
Plympton St. Mary Rural District Council Bill [Lords].
Reigate Corporation Bill [Lords].
Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Mr. Glendower Hall presented, pursuant to the Purchase Tax directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Exemptions), an Order, dated 9th October, 1945, entitled the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 11th October 1945, Purchase Tax entitled the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 4) Order, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Tomlinson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement on the Temporary Housing Programme.

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

Mr. Renan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th September 1945, entitled the Water (Compulsory Purchase) Regulations, 1945.

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

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 9th October 1945, entitled—
(1) the East Sussex (Chalke) Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1945,
(2) the East Sussex (Cuckfield Rural) Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1945,
(3) the East Sussex (Lewes) Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1945,
(4) the East Sussex (Sandford) Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1945,
(5) the Holland Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1945, and
(6) the Anglesey Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1945.

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

Sir Robert Yeang reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Sir 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 (Alteration of Rates) (No. 3) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1202), a copy of which was presented on the 9th day of October, the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1263) and the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 4) Order, 1945, copies of which were 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.

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

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

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Mathers, Captain Bing; 315.
Tellers for the No, Commander Agnew; 119.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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.)

1. Resolved, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £2,000,000,000, 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.

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1945.

Class I.

Vote 23A. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund.

1. £7,933, for repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain miscellaneous advances.

Vote 23B. Overlapping Income Tax Payments.

3. £250,000, for payments to certain temporary Crown Servants in respect of overlapping Income Tax payments.

Class X.

Vote 7A. Home Office (War Services).

4. £100, for the cost of the war services of the Home Office.

Class II.

Vote 9. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.

5. £80,200 (Supplementary), for sundry Colonial and Middle Eastern Services under His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain non-effective services and grants in aid.

Class V.

Vote 1. Ministry of Health.

6. £139,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Health, including grants and other expenses in connexion with housing, certain other grants to local authorities, &c.; salaries and expenses of the Local Government Boundary Commission; a grant in aid of the National Radium Trust, a grant in aid of the Civil Service Sports Council, a grant in aid of the Women's Voluntary Services; and other services.
Class VI.

Vote 1. Board of Trade.

7. £200,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and subordinate departments, including assistance to the watch and police in connection with the watch and police manufacturing industry in Great Britain and a grant in aid.

Vote 1A. Services in Development Areas.

8. £2,050,000, for services in Development Areas.

Vote 7. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

9. £255,090 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, including grants, grants in aid and expenses in respect of agricultural education and research, eradication of diseases of animals, and improvement of breeding, &c., of live stock, land settlement, improvement of cultivation, drainage, &c., regulation of agricultural wages, agricultural credits, and marketing; fisheries organisation, research and development, control of diseases of fish, &c.; and sundry other services, including agricultural training and settlement schemes, the management and use of land acquired for forestry, a grant in aid of the Women's Land Army Benevolent Fund and certain remanet subsidy payments.


10. £500,000 (Supplementary), for the expenses of maintaining Holyhead Harbour and the Caledonian and Crinan Canals, and annuities in respect of light railways; and for the reimbursement to railway companies of payments to certain temporary railway employees in respect of overlapping income tax payments.

Class IV.

Vote 1. Ministry of Education.

11. £4,168,000 (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 III.

Vote 12. Police, Scotland.

12. £212,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary; the cost of special services, grants in respect of police expenditure and a grant in aid of the Police Federation in Scotland.

Class IV.


13. £568,975 (Supplementary), for public education in Scotland, including certain grants in aid of the Education (Scotland) Fund, and for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including a grant in aid.

Class V.


14. £157,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Health for Scotland; including grants and other expenses in connection with housing, certain other grants to local authorities, &c., a grant in aid of the Highlands and Islands medical service; and other services.

Class VI.

Vote 17. Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

15. £960,000 (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, management and use of land acquired for forestry, agricultural training and settlement schemes, certain grants in aid and remanet subsidy payments.

Class VII.


16. £10 (Supplementary), 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.


17. £180,300 (Supplementary), for expenditure in respect of public buildings overseas.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, the sum of £2,008,464,608 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Indian Franchise Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Resolved, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Indian Franchise Bill [Lords].

Clauses Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Indian Divorce Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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. Woodburn reported from the Committee on National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session 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, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) contributions towards the cost of benefit payable under the said Act and any other payments to be made out of the Industrial Injuries Fund established thereunder, being contributions not exceeding sums estimated by the Treasury to be equal to one-fifth of the aggregate contributions paid under the said Act by employers and insured persons;

(b) such other sums as may be required for making any payments (not being payments in respect of the cost of such benefit as aforesaid or other payments required by the said Act to be made out of the said Fund) which are authorised or required by the said Act to be made by the Minister of National Insurance or any other Government department.

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

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Speaker, in pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), this day nominated the following Members to be the Chairmen's Panel during the Session:—

Frank Anderson, Esquire
Francis George Bowles, Esquire
Thomas William Burden, Esquire
Herbert Walter Butcher, Esquire
Dr. Leslie Halden Guest, M.C.
Colonel Sir Charles Glen-MacAndrew
Sir James Douglas Wishart Thomson, Baronet
Gordon Cosmo Touche, Esquire
William McLean Watson, Esquire and
Sir Robert Young, O.B.E.

[No. 18.]

Wednesday, 17th October, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Local Government Elections, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Copy of an Order dated 11th October 1945, entitled Local Elections (Supplementary Provisions) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

Copies of Orders, dated 15th October 1945, entitled—

(1) the Local Elections (Supplementary Provisions) (City of Plymouth) Order, 1945,
(2) the Local Elections (Supplementary Provisions) (Borough of Hedon) Order, 1945, and
(3) the Local Elections (Supplementary Provisions) (Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne) Order, 1945.

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

Major Henderson presented, pursuant to Burma Government Elections, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:


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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to Government Control, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Copy of an Order, dated 5th October 1945, entitled the Narrow Fabrics (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945.

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Motion Business of relative to Housing Shortage be exempted, the House, 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. Herbert Morrison.)
Wing-Commander Strachey reported from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of this instant October, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1945.
(Expenditure arising out of the War.)

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,000,000, 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.

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1945.

Class I.
Vote 23A. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £7,933, 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 repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain miscellaneous advances.

Overlapping Income Tax Payments.

Vote 23B. Overlapping Income Tax Payments.

3. That a sum, not exceeding £250,000, 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 payments to certain temporary Crown Servants in respect of overlapping income tax payments.

Class X.
Vote 7A. Home Office (War Services).

4. That a sum, not exceeding £100, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for the cost of the war services of the Home Office.

Class II.
Vote 9. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.

5. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £80,200, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for sundry Colonial and Middle Eastern Services under His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain non-effective services and grants in aid.

Class V.
Vote 1. Ministry of Health.

6. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,186,000 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 the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Health, including grants and other expenses in connection with housing, certain other grants to local authorities, &c.; salaries and expenses of the Local Government Boundary Commission; a grant in aid of the National Radium Trust, a grant in aid of the Civil Service Sports Council, a grant in aid of the Women's Voluntary Services; and other services.

Class VI.
Vote 1. Board of Trade.

7. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £500,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and subordinate departments, including assistance to the watch manufacturing industry in Great Britain and a grant in aid.

Vote 1A. Services in Development Areas.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £2,050,000, 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 services in Development Areas.

Vote 7. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

9. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £255,090, 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 Agriculture and Fisheries, and of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, including grants, grants in aid and expenses in respect of agricultural education and research, eradication of diseases of animals, and improvement of breeding, &c., of live stock, land settlement, improvement of cultivation, drainage, &c., regulation of agricultural wages, agricultural credits, and marketing; fishery organisation, research and development, control of diseases of fish, &c.; and sundry other services, including agricultural training and settlement schemes, the management and use of land acquired for forestry, a grant in aid of the Women's Land Army Benevolent Fund and certain remanet subsidy payments.

Vote II. Miscellaneous Transport Services.

10. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £100,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for the expenses of maintaining Holyhead Harbour and the Caledonian and Crinan Canals, and annuities in respect of light railways; and for the reimbursement to railway companies of payments to certain temporary railway employees in respect of overlapping income tax payments.

Class IV.
Vote 1. Ministry of Education.

11. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,168,000, 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 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 III.

Vote 12. Police, Scotland.
12. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £212,000, 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 the salaries and expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary; the cost of special services, grants in respect of police expenditure and a grant in aid of the Police Federation in Scotland.

Class IV.

13. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £568,975, 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 public education in Scotland, including certain grants in aid of the Education (Scotland) Fund, and for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including a grant in aid.

Class V.

14. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £157,000 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 the salaries and expenses of the Department of Health for Scotland; including grants and other expenses in connection with housing, certain other grants to local authorities, &c., a grant in aid of the Highlands and Islands medical service; and other services.

Class VI.

Vote 17. Department of Agriculture for Scotland.
15. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £96,000, 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 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, management and use of land acquired for forestry, agricultural training and settlement schemes, certain grants in aid and remanet subsidy payments.

Class VII.

16. 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 1946, for expenditure in respect of public buildings overseas.

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

Ordered, That the consideration of the remaining Resolutions be now adjourned.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Ordered, That the Second and subsequent Resolutions be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Resolved, That this House views with grave apprehension the existing shortage of houses shortage. in both urban and rural areas and urges His Majesty's Government to give continuous attention to the related problems of labour and material required for repair and reconstruction, as well as for the building of new houses.—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Nurses. proposed, That the Nurses Regulations, 1945 dated 31st May 1945, made by the Minister of Health under proviso (b) of subsection (1) of Section 6 of the Nurses Act, 1943, a copy of which Regulations was presented on the 6th day of June, in the last Session of the last Parliament, be annulled—(Mr. Linstead) — The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

MEMORANDUM:

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Charles MacAndrew Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS:

Mr. Secretary Ede presented pursuant to the Ecclesiastical directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy Commission, of the Ninety-seventh Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, for the year preceding the 1st day of November 1944, with an Appendix.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Morocco (No. 1), Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Final Act of 1945 the Conference concerning the Re-establishment of the International Régime in Tangier, held
Mr. Neil Maclean further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had appointed the following Members to serve on Standing Committee C:—Group-Captain Athol, Mr. Astor, Mr. Awhery, Mr. Balfour, Sir John Barlow, Mr. Berry, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Champion, Colonel Clarke, Mr. Cluse, Mr. Coldrick, Mr. Rhyds Davies, Captain Drayson, Mr. Driberg, Mr. Gallacher, Mr. Gilzean, Lieutenant William Griffiths, Professor Gruffydd, Flight-Lieutenant John Haare, Mr. Hastings, Miss Herbison, Lieutenant-Colonel Hope, Mr. Lipson, Major Guy Lloyd, General Sir George Jeffreys, Mr. McEntee, Mr. McKinlay, Captain Marsden, Mr. Mori, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Nutting, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Edward Porter, Mr. Prichard, Mr. Ridley, Mr. Goronwy Roberts, Mr. Christopher Shawcross, Lieutenant Shepherd, Mr. George Thomas and Sir Watell Wakefield.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to provide for the holding of elections of members or officers of certain bodies in cases where elections have been postponed under the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Acts, 1939 and 1941; for validating elections held after such postponement; for amending the said Acts and removing doubts arising thereon; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) 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 words "That the Bill be now read a second time" the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which fails to expedite the purchase of land for police purposes by county borough police areas; to provide for the amalgamation of county and county borough areas; to provide for the holding of elections of members or officers of certain bodies in cases where elections have been postponed under the Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions) Acts, 1939 and 1941; for validating elections held after such postponement; for amending the said Acts and removing doubts arising thereon; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Inshore Fishing Industry Bill was, Inshore Fishing Industry Bill, committed to a Standing Committee.
Inshore Fishing Industry

Mr. Tom Williams, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Inshore Fishing Industry [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.)

Motion, made, and Question proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the provision of financial assistance to inshore fishermen and persons desiring to engage in the inshore fishing industry, it is expedient to authorise—

1. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State concerned with the fishing industry in Scotland for making loans and grants to such persons as aforesaid towards the acquisition, improvement or reconditioning of boats and equipment, subject to the following limitations, that is to say:

(a) that the amount of any grant so made in respect of the acquisition, improvement or reconditioning of any boat or equipment shall not exceed one-third of the price, or one-third of the cost of the improvement or reconditioning, as the case may be;
(b) that the aggregate amount of the grants and loans so made shall not exceed five hundred thousand pounds and eight hundred thousand pounds respectively; and
(c) that no grant or loan shall be so made after the expiration of a period not exceeding seven years beginning with the date of the passing of the said Act;

2. The payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the said Minister and the Secretary of State by way of interest on or repayment of the principal of any such loans.

—(Mr. Tom Williams.)

And it being a quarter past Nine o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Education. proposed, That the Primary and Secondary Schools (Grant-Conditions) Regulations, 1945, dated 20th May 1945, made under Section 100 of the Education Act, 1944, a copy of which Regulations was presented on the 7th day of June in the last Session of the last Parliament, be annulled—(Mr. Kenneth Lindsay); And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right

The Noes to the Left

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Robert Taylor: Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewe:

199.

80.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Primary and Secondary Schools (Grant-Conditions) Regulations, 1945, dated 29th May 1945, made under Section 100 of the Education Act, 1944, a copy of which Regulations was presented on the 7th day of June in the last Session of the last Parliament, be annulled;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right

The Noes to the Left

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Mr. Robert Taylor:

Noes, Mr. Drewe:

81.

194.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(—Mr. Whiteley.)

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

—(Mr. Whiteley.)

MR. Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Report of the Chartered and Other Bodies (Resumption of Elections) Bill [Lords], dated 4th October 1945, entitled the Teachers Superannuation Act, 1945, Section 21 (2) (a)) Varying Scheme, 1945—(Closure of Debate.)

Order was read of the House, and a Debate arising thereupon; A Motion was made, and the Question put pursuant to Standing Order (Money, Committees), 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.)

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

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

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties (No. 4) Order, 1945, dated 23rd July 1945, made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which Order was presented on the 15th day of August last, be approved.—(Mr. Ellis Smith.)

PRAYERS.

MISS Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of a Draft Scheme, dated 4th October 1945, entitled the Teachers Superannuation Act, Section 21 (2) (a)) Varying Scheme, 1945—(Closure of Debate.)

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

The Chartered and Other Bodies (Resumption of Elections) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Chairman's Panel, several Resolutions; which were, read, as follow—

(1) 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.

(2) 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 awaiting consideration of that Committee, and that the Committee shall forthwith be convened to consider the other Bill or Bills then waiting.

(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 be placed upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Second and subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 17th day of this instant October, were reported from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of this instant October, and the same were again read, as follow:—

2. That a sum not exceeding £7,933, 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 payment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain miscellaneous advances.

3. That a sum not exceeding £250,000, 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 payments to certain temporary Crown Servants in respect of overlapping Income Tax payments.

4. That a sum not exceeding £100, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for the cost of the war services of the Home Office.

5. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £80,200, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, 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.

6. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £139,000, 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 the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Health, including grants and other expenses in connection with housing, certain other grants to local authorities, &c.; salaries and expenses of the Local Government Boundary Commission; a grant in aid of the National Radium Trust; a grant in aid of the Civil Service Sports Council; a grant in aid of the Women's Voluntary Services; and other services.

7. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £200,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and subordinate departments, including assistance to the watch manufacturing industry in Great Britain and a grant in aid.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £2,650,000, 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 services in Development Areas.

9. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £253,000, 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 the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, including grants, grants in aid and expenses in respect of agricultural education and research, eradication of diseases of animals, and improvement of breeding, &c., of live stock, land settlement, improvement of cultivation, drainage, &c., regulation of agricultural wages, agricultural credits, and marketing; fishery organisation, research and development, control of diseases of fish, &c.; and sundry other services, including agricultural training and settlement schemes, the management and use of land acquired for forestry, a grant in aid of the Women's Land Army Benevolent Fund and certain remanent subsidy payments.

10. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £100,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for sundry and other services, including agricultural training and settlement schemes, the management and use of land acquired for forestry, a grant in aid of the Women's Land Army Benevolent Fund and certain remanent subsidy payments.

11. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,168,000, 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 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.

12. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £272,000, 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 the salaries and expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary; the cost of special services, grants in respect of Police expenditure and a grant in aid of the Police Federation in Scotland.

13. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £568,975, 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 sundry and other services, including assistance to the watch manufacturing industry in Great Britain and a grant in aid.

Ordered, That the Report be placed upon the Table.
payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for public education in Scotland, including certain grants in aid of the Education (Scotland) Fund, and for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including a grant in aid.

14. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £157,000 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 the salaries and expenses of the Department of Health for Scotland; including grants and other expenses in connection with housing, certain other grants to local authorities, etc., a grant in aid of the Highlands and Islands medical service; and other services.

15. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £96,000, 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 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 agricultural wages, management and use of land acquired for forestry, agricultural training and settlement schemes, certain grants in aid and remanent subsidy payments.

16. 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 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.

17. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £80,300, 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 1946, for expenditure in respect of public buildings overseas.

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 16th day of this instant October, 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 £2,008,464,608 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 into consideration the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Hudson)—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the House proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 41, by leaving out the words "controlling the prices to," and inserting the words "securing that fair prices shall"

(Mr. Lyttelton),—instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Mr. Robert Taylor, Yeas, [Mr. Blenkinsop]: 212.

Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Noes, [Commander Agnew]: 83.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 42, by leaving out from the word "description" to the word "for," in l. 43.—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Mr. Robert Taylor, Yeas, [Mr. Blenkinsop]: 232.

Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Noes, [Commander Agnew]: 98.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 43, by leaving out subsection (5), and inserting the words—

"(5) The provisions of Parts II, V and VI of the Requisitioned Land and War Works Act, 1945 (which confer temporary powers to acquire and retain possession of land used for war purposes and to maintain, use and remove war works) shall, subject as hereinafter provided, have effect as if the expression "war period" included any period after the expiry of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, during which this Act is in force and as if the expression "war purposes" included the purposes specified in subsection (1) of section one of this Act, and any other provisions of the said Requisitioned Land and War Works Act, 1945 (except section forty-five thereof) shall, so far as they relate to the provisions aforesaid, have the like effect.

Provided that no powers shall be exercisable by virtue of this subsection unless the appropriate Minister has certified—

(a) in a case where the powers arise in consequence of the doing of work on land, that the work was done after the date of the expiry of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, for the purposes specified in subsection (1) of section one of this Act, or that works constructed in the course of the work have been used after the said date for the purposes aforesaid; or

(b) in a case where the powers arise in consequence of the possession or use of land or damage caused by the use of
land, that the land has been used after
the said date for the purposes
aforesaid;
and has served a copy of the certificate, either
by delivery or by prepaid registered letter on
any person to whom compensation under
paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section two or
subsection (2) of section three of the Compen-
sation (Defence) Act, 1939, is in course of
payment in respect of the land to which the
certificate relates.
In this subsection the expressions "Minister," "works" and "the doing of work on land"
have the same meanings as in the Requisitioned
Land and War Works Act, 1945, and the
expression "the appropriate Minister" means
the Minister by whom or by arrangement with
whom or on whose authority or direction the
work was done or the land or works were used
for the purposes aforesaid, and section fifty-six
of the Requisitioned Land and War Works
Act, 1945 (which relates to the exercise of
powers by the Board of Trade), and subsection
(2) of section fifty-eight of that Act (which
relates to the proof of certificates) shall apply
for the purposes of this subsection as they
apply for the purposes of that Act."—(Mr.
Secretary Ede), instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the words
proposed to be left out stand part of the
Bill:—
It passed in the Negative.
And the Question being proposed, That the
proposed words be there inserted in the Bill;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to
the proposed Amendment in l. 10, by leaving
out from the word "force" to the word "and,"
in l. 13.—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)
And the Question being put, That the words
proposed to be left out stand part of the
proposed Amendment:—It was resolved in the
Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be
made to the proposed Amendment in l. 12, by
leaving out from the word "Act," to the end of
l. 17.—(Colonel Clarke.)
And the Question being proposed, That the
words proposed to be left out, stand part of the
proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to
the said proposed Amendment was, with leave
of the House, withdrawn.
And the proposed words were there inserted
in the Bill.
A Motion was made, and the Question being
put, That the Bill be now read the third time;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson], 199.
Yea.
Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons], 108.
Noes.
[Mr. Drew].
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time,
and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.
In pursuance of the Standing Order (Con-
stitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker
this day allocated the Statutory Orders (Special
Procedure) Bill to Standing Committee B, and
the Inshore Fishing Industry Bill to Standing
Committee C.

[No. 21.]

Monday, 22nd October, 1945.
The House met at a quarter of an hour
after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Colne Valley Water Bill [Lords] was Colne Valley
read a second time, and committed.

The Gloucester Corporation Bill [Lords] was Gloucester
read a second time, and committed.

The Mid Southern Utility Bill [Lords] was Mid Southern
Utility Bill read a second time, and committed.

The Plympton St. Mary District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and
committed.

The Reigate Corporation Bill [Lords] was Reigate
Corporation Bill read a second time, and committed.

The Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords] was Wallasey
Corporation Bill read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Gwens Hall presented, by His Majesty's
Command,—Copy of the Thirty-sixth Report
of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs
and Excise for the year ended the 31st day of
March 1945, being the Eighty-eighth Report
relating to the Customs and the Eighty-eighth
Report relating to the Excise.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the
Prerogative of Rules, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy
of Regulations, dated 10th October 1945,
entitled the Port Health Amended
Adjournment.

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

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

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

MEMORANDUM.
In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day nominated Mr. Bowles Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Bill and Mr. Touche Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Inshore Fishing Industry Bill.

[No. 22.]
Tuesday, 23rd October, 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, pursuant to the Order made upon the 11th day of this instant October, in respect of the Bank of England Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with.

Mr. Secretary Ede, presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 10th day of this instant October, for a Return relative to Aliens (Naturalization).

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order made by the Council of the Borough of Wigan and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Scheme, dated 24th September 1945, entitled the Amendment (1945) of the Superannuation Scheme for Teachers (Scotland), 1926.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Scheme made by the Governing Body of the Queen’s College, Oxford, under the Universities and Colleges (Trusts) Act, 1943.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, by His Majesty’s Census of Command,—Copy of the Report of the Census of Production Committee.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the Coal Mines directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Coal Commission to the Minister of Fuel and Power for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Statement of Changes in Taxation as proposed by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Supplementary Financial Statement this day, October 1945. (Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Mr. Glenvil Hall accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Coatbridge and Springburn Elections (Validation) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means be exempted at this House’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

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

(In the Committee)

EXCISE AND PURCHASE TAX

Spirits (Excise)

1. 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, 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, 1906, 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.)

Mechanically Propelled Vehicles (Charge of Excise Duty by reference to cylinder capacity instead of horse-power).

2. 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 to 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.

3. Resolved, That, as from the twenty-fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-five, purchase tax shall cease to be chargeable in respect of goods of the classes specified in the Table set out at the end of this Resolution subject to any subsequent order under section twenty of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940.

Table.

(1) Domestic cooking, space heating and water heating appliances of the following descriptions, namely,—

stoves, grates, ranges and fireplaces;
boiling rings, griffes and hot-plates; radiators and convector;
instantaneous water heaters, immersion water heaters and storage water heaters;
wash boilers and wash coppers.

(2) Parts of such stoves, grates, ranges and fireplaces as aforesaid.

(3) Domestic refrigerators.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

INCOME TAX.

Higher Rates of Income Tax for 1945–46.

4. Resolved, That income tax for the year 1945–46 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.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Tax Free Payments.

5. Resolved, That section twenty-five of the Finance Act, 1941 (which contains provisions as to certain tax-free annuities, etc., applicable only when the standard rate is ten shillings in the pound) shall be applied, with modifications, to all years for which the standard rate of income tax exceeds five shillings and sixpence in the pound.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Appointed day for certain purposes.

6. Resolved, That the appointed day for the purposes of the Income Tax Act, 1945, and Part IV of the Finance Act, 1944, shall be the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Income tax on excess profits tax refunds.

7. Resolved, That income tax for the year 1940–47 shall be charged on the full amount of all sums repaid, at whatever date, under section twenty-eight of the Finance Act, 1941 (which provides for the repayment after the war of certain excess profits tax), and those sums shall be treated as income for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Charges in connection with redundancy schemes.

8. Resolved, 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, or under schemes for the elimination or reduction of redundant works, machinery or plant, or for other similar purposes, to which effect is given by or under any Act (whether passed before or after the passing of this Resolution) shall be treated for the purposes of income tax as if they were trading receipts;

(b) where any sums so received are not so treated, contributions paid under the scheme shall, to a corresponding extent, not be allowed to be deducted in computing profits;

(c) where a contribution paid under any such scheme as aforesaid is allowed to be deducted in computing profits and the whole or part thereof is subsequently repaid, the deduction of the contribution or of so much thereof as is repaid shall be deemed to be an unauthorised deduction; and

(d) where a certificate granted with respect to a scheme under the said section is cancelled or a scheme to which effect is given as aforesaid comes to an end, any funds held for the purposes of the scheme shall be chargeable to income tax.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Relief from double taxation.

9. Resolved, That—
(a) where any agreement has been made between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of any other territory which 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, charges to tax may be made to give effect to any provision included in the agreement or otherwise in connection with the agreement, and where 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, that section shall cease to have effect in relation to income tax of that Dominion except so far as the agreement otherwise provides;
(b) in all cases to which the said section twenty-seven applies, the tax deductible from dividends under Rule 20 of the General Rules shall be tax at the full standard rate, and any relief given under the said section twenty-seven in respect of any profits or gains represented by the dividends shall be taken into account in determining what payments of tax are to be made to, or charges to tax made on, the persons entitled to the dividends.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Exceptional Depreciation Allowances.

10. Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the provisions of the Income Tax Acts relating to exceptional depreciation allowances, as respects all years of assessment affected by those provisions.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Extension of time for making assessments in certain cases.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Resolved, That the extent and incidence of excess profits tax (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments of the law relating—
(a) to the computation of profits;
(b) to the time within which assessments to excess profits tax may be made;
(c) to relief from double taxation;
(d) to relief in respect of deficiencies of profits; and
(e) to repayments of tax under section twenty-eight of the Finance Act, 1941.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

National Defence Contribution.

14. Resolved, That the extent and incidence of the national defence contribution (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments of the law relating—
(a) to the computation of profits;
(b) to the time within which assessments to the national defence contribution may be made; and
(c) 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. Simmons),—put, and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Acquisition of Land (Owner-occupier) Regulations, 1945, dated 18th June 1945, made under Section 58 (6) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, a copy of which Regulations was presented on the 13th day of August last, be annulled—(Mr. Charles Taylor)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes before Seven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairman), Mr. Speaker this day nominated Francis Campbell Ross Douglas, Esquire, and Colonel Leonard Ropner, M.C. additional members of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

[No. 23.]

Wednesday, 24th October, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Sir Ralph Verney, one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, have leave to make a Special Report in respect of the Bank of England Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Special Report from Sir Ralph Verney, one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in examining the Bank of England Bill pursuant to the Order made upon the 11th day of this instant October with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business, he had taken into consideration certain Standing Orders in respect of compliance with which a private bill would not have been referred to the Examiners until after the Second Reading of the Bill, and had found such Orders not to be applicable.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Durham County Water Board 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. Shinwell presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by J. R. Felton, Esquire, o.b.e., His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines, on the Causes of, and Circumstances attending, the Explosion which occurred at Manvers Main Colliery, Wath-on-Deanne, South Yorkshire, on the 4th day of March 1945.

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

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

Resolved, That, notwithstanding anything in the practice of the House to the contrary, proposals may be laid before the Committee of Ways and Means in the current financial year for charging income tax for the year 1946-47 and provision may be made in any Finance Bill introduced in the current year for giving effect to any Resolution passed for that purpose in Committee of Ways and Means and agreed to by this House.—(Mr. Glyn Holll.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Amendment of Law.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law relating to the National Debt 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:

1. Indian Franchise Act, 1945.
2. Coatbridge and Springburn Elections (Validation) Act, 1945.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Ways and Means Committee.

(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. Mathers),—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.

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 Finance (Collectors of Taxes) 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 relating to finance, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of annual allowances by way of compensation to any such collectors of taxes, collectors of land tax or other persons as may be designated by the Treasury, being collectors or other persons whose appointments are determined by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and who were employed in and about the collection of income tax or land tax in the division of the City of London immediately before the passing of the said Act.—(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.

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 Finance (Payment of Excess Profits Tax Refunds) 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 relating to finance, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for making payments of, or on account of, sums payable under section twenty-eight of the Finance Act, 1941 (which provides for the repayment after the war of certain excess profits tax);

(b) the borrowing of money under the National Loans Act, 1930, for the purposes of providing the sums so issued.

—(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 made Progress in the matter to them referred.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Education, proposed, That the Education (Local Education Authorities) Grant Regulations, 1943, dated 13th June, 1943, made under Section 100 of the Education Act, 1944, a copy of which Regulations was presented on the 15th day of June, in the last Session of the last Parliament, be annulled.—(Mr. Charles Taylor.)

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 24.]

Thursday, 25th October, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Minute, dated 24th October 1945, relative to the provision of equipment and maintenance for the Greek Armed Forces.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Fourth Report of the Scottish Nurses' Salaries Committee, relative to Mental Nurses.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th October 1945, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations, 1945.

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


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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the borough of Weston-super-Mare; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the County Borough of Doncaster; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Weston-super-Mare) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Doncaster) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

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

The House was moved, That the Order made Statutory upon the 23rd day of August last, That Five Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., be the Quorum of the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., might be read;

And the same being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Mathers.)

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

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

Friday, 26th October, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Bromley Borough Writ. Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Bromley in the room of Sir Edward Taswell Campbell, Baronet, deceased.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Bournemouth Borough Writ. Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Bournemouth in the room of Sir Charles Ernest Leonard Lyle, Baronet, now Lord Lyle of Westbourne, called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Mr. Herbert Morrison, supported by Mr. Secretary Bevin, Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Ede, Mr. Bevin, Mr. Secretary Lawson, Mr. Secretary Bevin, Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Ede, Mr. Secretary Lawson, presented a Bill to repeal the Rules Publication Act, 1893, and to make further provision as to the instruments by which statutory powers to make orders, rules, regulations and other subordinate legislation are exercised: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin, Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Ede, Mr. Secretary Lawson, presented a Bill to provide for the maintenance of British civil police forces in certain countries and territories outside the United Kingdom; for the discipline and pensions of members of such forces; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

[No. 25.]

Inshore Fishing Industry [Money.]

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(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Income Tax Post-War Credits.

3. Resolved, That no sums shall be credited under section seven of the Finance Act, 1941, in respect of any tax for the year 1946-47 or any subsequent year in respect of any tax for the year 1946-47 or any subsequent year of assessment.—(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 Monday next.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Inshore Fishing Industry [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the provision of financial assistance to inshore fishermen and persons desiring to engage in the inshore fishing industry, it is expedient to authorise—

(2) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State concerned with the fishing industry in Scotland for making loans and grants to such persons as aforesaid towards the acquisition, improvement or reconditioning of boats and equipment, subject to the following limitations, that is to say—:

(a) that the amount of any grant so made in respect of the acquisition, improvement or reconditioning of any boat or equipment shall not exceed one-third of the price, or one-third of the cost of the improvement or reconditioning, as the case may be;

(b) that the aggregate amount of the grants and loans so made shall not exceed five hundred thousand pounds and eight hundred thousand pounds respectively; and

(c) that no grant or loan shall be so made after the expiration of a period not exceeding seven years beginning with the date of the passing of the said Act; and

(2) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the said Minister and the Secretary of State by way of interest on loans and grants so made shall not exceed five hundred thousand pounds or repayment of the principal of any such loans.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.
Mr. Barnes, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Westwood and Mr. Silkin, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to Trunk Roads; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood and Mr. Key, presented a Bill to make provision as respects works on land begun during the war period, and uses of land carried out during that period, which do not comply with building laws or planning control: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. Oliver, presented a Bill to suspend certain provisions of the Civil Defence Acts, 1937 and 1939: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Isaacs, supported by Mr. Secretary Bevin, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Ness Edwards, presented a Bill to enable conscientious objectors conditionally registered under the National Service Acts, 1939 to 1942, to be released, before the date on which the present emergency is deemed to end for the purposes of those Acts, from the condition subject to which they were registered: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved it into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

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 Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means; and that the 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 do 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 Mr. Barton, Lieutenant-Colonel Boles, Mr. Chater, Major Conant, Mr. Daggar, Squadron-Leader Fleming, Mr. Grey, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Lambert, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. McAdam, Mr. Rakesh and Mr. Viant.

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

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

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 inquire into the expenditure on stationery and printing for the Business of the House; and the public services generally:—And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Close, Mr. Driberg, Mr. Wilson Harris, Captain Marsden, Mr. Messer, Mr. Naylor, Sir Stanley Reed, Mr. Stamford, Colonel Thornhill-Komley, Mr. Walker and Mr. Willows.
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. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Mathers);

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 made upon the 16th day of August last, it being then twenty-nine minutes after Five of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 26.]
Monday, 29th October, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Bevin, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Extract from the Report of the Tripartite Conference at Berlin, originally published on the 2nd day of August 1945, concerning the Establishment of a Council of Foreign Ministers.

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

Rhodes Trust Bill [Lords.]

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 138 relating to Private Business,—Report by him on the Rhodes Trust Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to any Committee to whom the Bill may be referred.

Mr. Neil Maclean reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Colonel Dodds-Parker and Commander Pursey; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Carson and Mr. Asterley Jones.

Standing Committee A.

Mr. Neil Maclean further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill):—Sir David Maxwell Fyfe; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Manningham-Buller.

Assurance Companies Bill.

Bill 27.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the House be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), for One hour after a quarter past Nine of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bank of England Bill. And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Robert Taylor; Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Sir Arthur Young;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Taylor; Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Sir Arthur Young;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

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Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Taylor; Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Sir Arthur Young;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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 the Bank of England (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.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to bring the capital stock of the Bank of England into public ownership and bring the Bank under public control, to make provision with respect to the relations between the Treasury, the Bank of England and other banks and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the Treasury to issue to holders of capital stock of the Bank of England (hereinafter referred to as 'Bank stock'), in exchange for Bank stock held by them, such an amount of stock (hereinafter referred to as 'Government stock') bearing interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum that the sum payable annually by way of interest thereon will be equal to the average annual gross dividend declared during the period of twenty years immediately preceding the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and
forty-five, upon the amount of Bank stock held;
(b) to authorise the charge on the Consolidated Fund of any interest on the Government stock, and any expenses incurred in connection with its issue or redemption and any remuneration payable in respect of its management;
(c) to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing any sums required to redeem the Government stock, to raise money in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939;
(d) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of sums paid by the Bank of England to the Treasury in lieu of dividends on Bank stock, and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums so paid into the Exchequer and the application of sums so issued in payment of interest otherwise payable out of the permanent annual charge for the national debt.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And it being after a quarter past Ten o’clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to which it was referred.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Mathers.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Speaker, having, in pursuance of the Act 24 Geo. 3. c. 20, made his appointment of Members of the House of Commons, for the issuing of Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, in the cases therein mentioned, the same is here entered in pursuance of the directions of the said Act; and is, as followeth:
By virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty as authorises the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out Writs for the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein provided, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes;
I do hereby nominate, appoint, and authorise—
The Right Honourable the Earl Winterton, Captain the Right Honourable Harry Frederick Comfort Crookshank, Frederick Messer, Esquire, Ernest Thurtle, Esquire, and Sir Robert Young, O.B.E., being Members of the House of Commons, or any one or more of them, to execute all and singular the powers given to the Speaker of the House of Commons for the time being, for issuing Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, in the cases as in the Act specified.

Given under my Hand and Seal this Twenty-ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five.

D. CLIFFTON BROWN,
Speaker.
Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 18th October 1945, entitled—

1. The Utility Handkerchiefs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943, and

2. The Knives, Spoons and Forks (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.

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

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

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Offices of the Fire Service Department of the Home Office 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 follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the transfer, to a tribunal to be established for that purpose, of jurisdiction to determine appeals and references which under section thirty-two of the War Damage Act, 1943, may be made to a referee; and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to Charles Travis Clay, Esquire, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to Sir Charles MacAndrew, to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee on the Library of the House.

Mr. Neil Maclean reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Inshore Fishing Industry Bill):—Mr. Beechman; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Maclay.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., have leave to make a Special Report.

SIR CHARLES MACANDREW reported from the said Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Sir 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 Government of Burma (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1210), a copy of which was presented on the 17th day of this instant October, 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.

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That the thanks of this House be accorded to all ranks of the Royal Navy and of the Royal Marines, for the untiring vigilance and resource with which they have frustrated each new stratagem of the enemy; for their courage and devotion to duty which beat the U-Boats by which the enemy planned to reduce these Islands to starvation and submission; for the unflagging zeal which they brought to the arduous duties of protecting the flow of food and materials vital to the life and work of our people and Allies; and when the long period of defence at last made way for attack, for the matchless skill and courage with which the great forces for the assaults were landed, supported and maintained in campaigns in both hemispheres:

That the thanks of this House be accorded to all ranks of the Army for the indomitable resolution with which they met early adversity; for the thoroughness and patience with which they trained and planned for the assault; for their cheerful endurance of the perils and trials of warfare in many lands; for the gallantry and enterprise with which they wrested the initiative from the enemy and routed him from the shores of the English Channel to the furthest limits of Asia; and for to-day assisting in the restoration of those lands which have been liberated and in the administration of occupied enemy territory; and to the Home Guard for the keenness and self sacrifice with which they undertook voluntarily and in addition to their normal work the defence of these Islands against the threat of imminent invasion:

That the thanks of this House be accorded to all ranks of the Royal Air Force for the dauntless heroism with which, in 1940, they faced overwhelming odds and in doing so, saved our beloved country and all humanity; for the resolute courage with which, undeterred by heavy losses, they harried the enemy's war industries and communications and crippled his powers of resistance; for the bravery with which they co-operated with the Navies and Armies seeking out and destroying the forces of the enemy wherever they could be found; and for their sustenance of those who carried on the war from the air ports open; and to the Royal Observer Corps for their ceaseless vigil in defence of their homeland.

That the thanks of this House be accorded to all those who, as volunteers in peacetime, sacrificed their leisure in order that, when the time came, they could give the greatest possible service to their country:

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the forces of the Dominions, India and the Colonial Empire who, in gallant comradeship with their brothers from these Islands, shared to the full the dark hours of adversity, the arduous toil of the struggle and the honours of final victory:

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the women of the Auxiliary and Nursing Services for the ready self-sacrifice and efficiency with which they performed their arduous duties of sustaining their brothers in action against the enemy:
That the thanks of this House be accorded to the officers and men of the Merchant Navy for the steadfastness with which they maintained our stocks of food and materials; for their services in transporting men and munitions to all the battles over all the seas; and for the gallantry with which, though a civilian service, they met and fought the constant attacks of the enemy; and the skippers and crews of the fishing fleets who in the face of every danger went about their business undismayed and brought back urgently-needed food for the nation:

That the thanks of this House be accorded to the Police, the Fire Service, the Civil Defence and Hospital Services and to all those who worked with them in combating the effects of Air Raids; for the relief and comfort they brought to many thousands in suffering and distress; and for their unfailing endurance of hardship and dangers; and to the ferry pilots for their resourceful courage in keeping the fighting lines supplied with aircraft:

That this House doth acknowledge with humble gratitude the sacrifice of all those who, on land or sea or in the air, have given their lives that others to-day may live as free men and its heartfelt sympathy with their relatives in their proud sorrow.---[The Prime Minister.]

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do signify the said Resolutions to the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, and to the Army Council and the Air Council; to His Majesty's Secretaries for Dominions Affairs, for India and Burma, and for the Colonies; for the Home Department; and for Scotland; and to the Ministers of Health, War Transport, Agriculture and Fisheries and Supply and Aircraft Production to communicate the same to the persons referred to therein.

The Water (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Thomas Williams, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Water (Scotland) [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a discussion under the said Act.---[Mr. Buchanan.]

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the conservation of water resources and for water supplies in Scotland and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the exercise of his functions under the said Act.---[Mr. Buchan.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, 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.

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

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. 28.]

Wednesday, 31st October, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE War Damage (Valuation Appeals) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Indian Divorce Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate with amendments the provisions of Part IV of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, as amended by the Public Health Act, 1904, relating to epidemic, endemic or infectious diseases; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to Charles Travis Clay, Esquire, C.B., Librarian to the House of Lords, to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on Library (House of Commons).

The Public Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Neil Maclean reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Durbin and Mr. Hale; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Oldfield and Mr. Frederick Willey.

Mr. Neil Maclean further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Bill):—Mr. Hardman; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hannan.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Colne Valley Water Bill [Lords], and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereof; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

**Ordered.** That the Report be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Mid Southern Utility Bill [Lords], and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereof; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

**Ordered.** That the Report be printed.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 23rd day of this instant October, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

**EXCISE AND PURCHASE TAX**

**Spirits (Excise).**

1. 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 methylalcohol) 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
   (e) 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).

2. 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 (whether worked by a cylinder or cylinders and which is chargeable with such duty under paragraph 6 of the Second Schedule to 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; and 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.

3. That, as from the twenty-fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-five, no purchase or forty-five to be chargeable in respect of goods of the classes specified in the Table set out at the end of this Resolution, subject to any subsequent order under section twenty of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940.

**Table**

(1) Domestic cooking, space heating and water heating appliances of the following description, namely,—
   stoves, grates, ranges and fireplaces;
   boiling rings, grills and hot-plates;
   radiators and convectors;
   instantaneous water heaters, immersion water heaters and storage water heaters;
   wash boilers and wash copper.

(2) Parts of such stoves, grates, ranges and fireplaces as aforesaid.

3. Domestic refrigerators.

**INCOME TAX**

**Higher Rates of Income Tax for 1945-46**

4. That income tax for the year 1945-46 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.

Tax Free Payments
5. That section twenty-five of the Finance Act, 1941 (which contains provisions as to certain tax-free annuities, etc., applicable only when the standard rate is ten shillings in the pound) shall be applied, with modifications, to all years for which the standard rate of income tax exceeds five shillings and sixpence in the pound.

Appointed day for certain purposes.
6. That the appointed day for the purposes of the Income Tax Act, 1945, and Part IV of the Finance Act, 1944, shall be the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six.

Charges in connection with redundancy schemes.
7. That income tax for the year 1946-47 shall be charged on the full amount of all sums repaid, at whatever date, under section twenty-eight of the Finance Act, 1941 (which provides for the repayment after the war of certain excess profits tax), and those sums shall be treated as income for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts.

Relief from double taxation
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, or under schemes for the elimination or reduction of redundant works, machinery or plant, or for other similar purposes, to which effect is given by or under any Act (whether passed before or after the passing of this Resolution) shall be treated for the purposes of income tax as if they were trading receipts;
(b) where any sums so received are not so treated, contributions paid under the scheme shall, to a corresponding extent, not be allowed to be deducted in computing profits;
(c) where a contribution paid under any such scheme as aforesaid is allowed to be deducted in computing profits and the whole or part thereof is subsequently repaid, the deduction of the contribution or of so much thereof as is repaid shall be deemed to be an unauthorised deduction; and
(d) where a certificate granted with respect to a scheme under the said section is cancelled or a scheme to which effect is given as aforesaid comes to an end, any funds held for the purposes of the scheme shall be chargeable to income tax.

Income tax on excess profits tax refunds
9. That—
(a) where any agreement has been made between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of any other territory which 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 charges to tax may be made to give effect to any provision included in the agreement or otherwise in connection with the agreement, and where 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, that section shall cease to have effect in relation to income tax of that Dominion except so far as the agreement otherwise provides;
(b) in all cases to which the said section twenty-seven applies, the tax deductible from dividends under Rule 20 of the General Rules shall be tax at the full standard rate, and any relief given under the said section twenty-seven in respect of any profits or gains represented by the dividends shall be taken into account in determining what repayments of tax are to be made to, or charges to tax made on, the persons entitled to the dividends.

Exceptional Depreciation Allowances
10. That it is expedient to amend the provisions of the Income Tax Acts relating to exceptional depreciation allowances, as respects all years of assessment affected by those provisions.

Extension of time for making assessments in certain cases
11. 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
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12. That where any agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of any other territory makes provision for granting a 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 (a) of section twenty of the Finance Act, 1894, or under section twenty of that Act, as extended by or under any other enactment.

Excess Profits Tax
13. That the extent and incidence of excess profits tax (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments of the law relating—
(a) to the computation of profits; and
(b) to the time within which assessments to excess profits tax may be made.
(c) to relief from double taxation;
(d) to relief in respect of deficiencies of profits;
and
(e) to repayments of tax under section twenty-eight of the Finance Act, 1941.

National Defence Contribution

14. That the extent and incidence of the national defence contribution (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments of the law relating—
(a) to the computation of profits;
(b) to the time within which assessments to the national contribution may be made; and
(c) to relief from double taxation.

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

The Second 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—

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 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. Indian Divorce Act, 1945.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Ways and Means in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Malters reported from the Committee on Finance (Collectors of Taxes), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to finance, it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for making payments of, or on account of, sums payable under section twenty-eight of the Finance Act, 1941 (which provides for the repayment after the war of certain excess profits tax);
(b) the borrowing of money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purposes of providing the sums so issued.

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

Mr. Malters reported from the Committee on Finance (Payment of Excess Profits Tax (Payment of Excess Profits Tax Refunds)), a Resolution; which were read, as follows:

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.

Charge of Income Tax for 1946-47

2. That—
(a) income tax for the year 1946-47 shall be charged at the standard rate of nine shillings in the pound and, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeds two thousand pounds, at rates in the pound which respectively exceed the standard rate by the amounts specified in the second column of the Table below;
(b) all such enactments as have effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1946-47, 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 1946-47.

Table.

For every pound of income tax or land tax in the division of the City of London immediately before the passing of the said Act.

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

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

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(b) the borrowing of money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purposes of providing the sums so issued.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Income Tax Post-War Credits

3. That no sums shall be credited under section seven of the Finance Act, 1941, in respect of any tax for the year 1946-47 or any subsequent year of assessment.

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

Finance.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions and the other Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means and the Resolutions reported from the Committees on Finance (Collectors of Taxes) and Finance (Payment of Excess Profits Tax Refunds), and agreed to this day: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Glengall Hall do prepare and bring it in.

Finance Bill.

Bill 28.

Mr. Glengall Hall 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 to make further provision in connection with Finance: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next: and to be printed.

Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates).

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 3) Order, 1945, dated 26th September 1945, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 9th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Purchase Tax (Exemptions).

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1945, dated 16th October 1945, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 16th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates).

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 4) Order, 1945, dated 11th October 1945, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 16th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Expanding Laws Continuance Bill.

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

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

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

Expanding Laws Continuance [Money].

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 Expanding 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—(a) the payment out of moneys provided by and Parliament of such expenses as may be

occupied by the continuance of Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1939, and the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, and the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-seven 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, until the said thirty-first day of March being receipts which under that Act are to be paid into the Exchequer.—(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 tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Bank of England Bill do consist of Six Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented at any time not later than Seven clear days after the Second Reading of the Bill, be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That Petitions against the Bill may be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office, provided that such Petitions shall have been prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of this House relating to Petitions against Private Bills.

Ordered, That Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents be heard against the Bill, and Counsel or Agents heard in support of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Bank of England [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to bring the capital stock of the Bank of England into public ownership and bring the Bank under public control, to make provision with respect to the relations between the Treasury, the Bank of England and other banks and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient:

(a) to authorise the Treasury to issue to holders of capital stock of the Bank of England (hereinafter referred to as “Bank stock”), in exchange for Bank stock held by them, such an amount of stock (hereinafter referred to as “Government stock”), bearing interest at the rate of three per cent, per annum that the sum payable annually by way of interest thereon will
be equal to the average annual gross dividend declared during the period of twenty years immediately preceding the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-five, upon the amount of Bank stock held;

(b) to authorise the charge on the Consolidated Fund of the principal of and interest on the Government stock, and any expenses incurred in connection with its issue or redemption and any remuneration payable in respect of its management;

(c) to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing any sums required to redeem the Government stock, to raise money in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939;

(d) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of sums paid by the Bank of England to the Treasury in lieu of dividends on Bank stock, and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums so paid into the Exchequer and the application of sums so issued in payment of interest otherwise payable out of the permanent annual charge for the national debt.

Question put.
The Committee divided:

Tellers for the Yeas:
Mr. Mothers.
Mr. Robert Taylor.

Tellers for the Noes:
Major Mott-Radcliffe.
Mr. Drene.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Adjournment.

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

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

MEMORANDUM:

Notice was given this day, that Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Water (Scotland) Bill was a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill would be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 29.]

Thursday, 1st November, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Kensington Borough (South 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 Kensington (South Division), in the room of Sir William Henry Davison, K.B.E., now Lord Broughshane of Kensington, called up to the House of Peers.—(Sir Arthur Young.)

Wing-Commander Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—(Mr. Mothers.)

1. Copies of Orders—

(a) dated 18th October 1945, amending His Majesty's Order of the 22nd day of August 1945, which made provision for the return to civilian life of members of His Majesty's Air Forces, and

(b) dated 22nd October 1945, making special provision with regard to the cessation of pay in respect of members of His Majesty's Royal Air Forces who were prisoners of war and who have failed to return.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Weaver Navigation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Wadebridge Rural District Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Weaver Navigation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Bowles reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the South Devon Water Bill, with Amendments, and directed him to make a Report thereof.

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.

Mr. Touche reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Inshore Fishing Industry Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the North Devon Water Board Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments therunto; 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 Right Honourable Ralph Assheton, New Member for the City of London, was sworn.

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Key, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the rent of houses or parts thereof let at a rent which includes payment for the use of furniture...
Police Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police 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. Charles Taylor.)
And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the 
Mr. Pearson, Captain Bing;
Yeas, 267.
 Tellers for the 
Mr. Charles Taylor, Mr. Maude;
Noes, 80.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Bank of England Bill.

Mr. Benson, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Gaitskell and Mr. Williamson were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Bank of England Bill.—(Mr. Mathers.)

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 before Ten of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 30.]

Friday, 2nd November, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. HERBERT MORRISON presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th October 1945, entitled the Tanganyika Legislative Council (Amendment) Order in Council, 1945.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved British itself into a Committee on the British Settlements Bill.

(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.

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 Chartered and Other Bodies (Resumption of Elections) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Resolved, That the Government of Burma Burma (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1945, dated 28th September 1945, made by His Majesty in Council under the provision in subsection (1) of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1945, a copy of which Order was presented on the 17th day of October last, be approved.—(Mr. Arthur Henderson.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Police Bill to Standing Committee B.
Monday, 5th November, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 30th October 1945 entitled—
(1) the Clyde Navigation Trustees (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1945,
(2) the Dundee Harbour Trustees (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1945,
(3) the Leith Harbour and Docks Commissioners (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1945,
(4) the Poole Harbour Commissioners (Extension of Term of Office) (No. 2) Order, 1945, and

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th October 1945, revoking and amending certain of the Defence (General) Regulations (Isle of Man), 1939.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 3.

Mr. Secretary Westwood also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th October 1945, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 3 Confirmation Order, 1945.

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

The Building Restrictions (War-Time Conventions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

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

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Bank of England [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to bring the capital stock of the Bank of England into public ownership and bring the Bank under public control, to make provision with respect to the relations between the Treasury, the Bank of England and other banks and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient—
(a) to authorise the Treasury to issue to holders of capital stock of the Bank of England (hereinafter referred to as 'Bank stock'), in exchange for Bank stock held by them, such an amount of stock (hereinafter referred to as 'Government stock') bearing interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum that the sum payable annually by way of interest thereon will be equal to the average annual gross dividend declared during the period of twenty years immediately preceding the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-five, upon the amount of Bank stock held;
(b) to authorise the charge on the Consolidated Fund of the principal of and interest on the Government stock, and any expenses incurred in connection with its issue or redemption and any remuneration payable in respect of its management;
(c) to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing any sums required to redeem the Government stock, to raise money in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939;
(d) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of sums paid by the Bank of England to the Treasury in lieu of dividends on Bank stock, and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums so paid into the Exchequer and the application of sums so issued 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.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Water (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as follows:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the conservation of water resources and for water supplies in Scotland and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the exercise of his functions under the said Act.

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—(Mr. Pearson);
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.

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Burden Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Police Bill,
Tuesday, 6th November, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Secretary of State for Scotland as to their procedure in connection with the management of the State Management Districts under the Licensing Act, 1921, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Documents relating to the Conditions of an Armistice with Italy during the period from September to November 1943 (with Commentary).

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and the Head of the Provisional Government of the French Republic for Relief from Double Taxation, in certain circumstances, of Individuals and Companies in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in France, respectively (with Protocol of Signature), signed at Paris on the 9th day of October 1945 (the Agreement has not been ratified by His Majesty).

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of University College, Oxford, on the 4th day of June 1945, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1945, entitled the General Hardware and Ironmongery (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1945, entitled the Quarries General Regulations (Electricity), 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1945, entitled the Metalliferous Mines General Regulations, 1945.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Accounting Officer of the Vote for the Supreme Court on behalf of the Admiralty Division in Prize for the period from the 3rd day of September 1939 to the 31st day of March 1945, with a Copy of a Letter from the Controller and Auditor General thereon.——(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Mr. Neil Maclean reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated (Bank of England Bill) that two Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Bank of England Bill:—Mr. Ernest Davies and Mr. Howard.

Mr. Neil Maclean further reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Police Bill):—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Grabin, Mr. Heriot-Watt, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Dobbie, Mr. Douglas, Sir Gifford Fox, Mr. Grimston, Mr. Maude, Brigadier Medlicott, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. John Morrison, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Harold Roberts, Captain Charles Smith, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Stephen, Major Symonds, Mr. Charles Taylor and Mr. Thorneycroft.

Mr. Neil Maclean further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had appointed the following Members to serve on Standing Committee D:—Captain Adams, Mr. Arthur Allen, Mr. Alliott, Mr. Frank Anderson, Mr. Attelee, Mr. Austin, Mr. Ayles, Mr. Barton, Mr. Binns, Captain Blackburn, Mr. Dryden Brook, Mr. Chuter, Mr. Clitherow, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Haydn Davies, Mr. Stephen Davies, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Haden Guest, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hulbert, Sir John Jares, Mr. Joysson-Hicks, Major Legge-Bourke, Flying-Officer Lever, Lieutenant-Colonel Lindsay, Mr. Logan, Brigadier Low, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Mack, Mr. Malliaid, Commander Marshall, Wing-Commander Martin, Mr. Murray, Mr. Piratin, Major Renton, Wing-Commander Robinson, Mr. Sidney Shephard, Mr. Wadsworth, and Sir Harold Webb.

Mr. Neil Maclean further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had added the following Fifteen Members to Standing Committee B (on Scottish Bills) to the Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Water (Scotland) Bill):—Captain Baird, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Henry Hyn, Miss Lee, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McAdam, Mr. McEntee, Mr. McGuire, Mr. John McKay, Mr. Ronald Mackay, Mr. Thomas Machiberson, Mr. John Paton, Mr. Thomas Reid and Major Younger.

George Edward Peter Thorneycroft, Esquire, New Member for the County of Monmouth (Monmouth Division), was sworn.

Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Attor-ney General and Mr. Oliver, presented a Bill to provide for the continuation of certain Defence Regulations during a limited period notwithstanding the expiry of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 to 1945, and for the extension and amendment of certain enactments the duration or operation of which depends on the duration of the said Acts or of the war; for the permanent enactment of provisions contained in certain Defence Regulations; for establishing the ownership of the Crown of goods requisitioned under emergency powers; for empowering local authorities to remove war works and restore land; for the
repeal of certain emergency enactments; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statutory Instruments Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Major Lloyd moved, That this House do now adjourn; but Mr. Deputy Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Mr. Mathers, Yeas, (Captain Stewart:) 270. Tellers for the Commander Agnew, Noes, (Mr. Drewe:) 134. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. The Bill was accordingly read a second time. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Captain Crookshank); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Commander Agnew, Yeas, (Mr. Drewe:) 127. Tellers for the Mr. Mathers, Noes, (Captain Stewart:) 279. So it passed in the Negative. And the Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Robert Taylor 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 continuation of Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, and the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, and the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-seven; 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 continuation of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, until the said thirty-first day of March being receipts which under that Act are to be paid into the Exchequer.

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

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Charles MacAndrew 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 Agriculture (Artificial Insemination) Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Chartered and Other Bodies (Resumption of Elections) Bill of Elections [Lords].

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn, but Mr. Deputy Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put, Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Charles MacAndrew reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Special Report which, Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., upon the 30th day of October last, was made from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., be now taken into consideration.—(Sir Charles MacAndrew):—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Report into consideration.

The House was moved, That the Order made upon the 23rd day of August last for the appointment of the Committee, might be read;

And the same being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be amended in l. 17, by leaving out the words "or of it," and inserting the words "or in the laying of it before Parliament."—(Sir Charles MacAndrew),—instead thereof.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, 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.
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 before Ten of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.
In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Building Restrictions (War-Time Contraventions) Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 33.]
Wednesday, 7th November, 1945.
The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wadebridge Rural District Council Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Weaver Navigation 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.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Monetary Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic, signed at London on the 1st day of November, 1945.

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic relating to money and property situated in Czechoslovakia and the United Kingdom which have been subjected to special measures in consequence of the enemy occupation of Czechoslovakia, signed at London on the 1st day of November 1945.

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

Copy of an Amendment, dated 24th October India 1945, to the Legislative Assembly Electoral Rules.

Copy of an Amendment, dated 24th October India 1945, to the Council of State Electoral Rules. (Legislature).

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

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Neil Maclean reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Police Bill) Mr. Herbert Morrison; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Secretary Ede.

Mr. Naylor reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports, That they had made Progress in the matter to them referred, and had come to a Resolution which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as followeth:

That in the opinion of this Committee the recommendation contained in the First Report of the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports in Session 1941-42 that Reports of Select Committees after having been printed once as a White Paper should not be printed a second time in the volume containing the Minutes of Evidence should now cease to have effect in view of the inconvenience to Members and the public arising from the separation of the Report from the Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Captain Blenkinsop.)

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Statutory Instruments Bill to Standing Committee B.
In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Burden Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Statutory Instruments Bill, Mr. Butcher Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Building Restrictions (War-Time Contraventions) Bill, and Sir Douglas Thomson Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Water (Scotland) Bill.

Mr. Neil Maclean further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D:—Mr. Frank Anderson, Dr. Haden Guest and Major Renton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hubbard, Major Niall Macpherson and Mr. Perrins.

Mr. Neil Maclean further reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Water (Scotland) Bill):—Mr. McGhee; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Scott-Elliot.

Mr. Neil Maclean further reported from the Committee on Reigate Corporation Bill, That they had examined the allegations of the Reigate Corporation Bill [Lords], 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.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented a Bill to amend Isle of Man law with respect to Customs in the Isle of Man: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

Mr. Barnes, by His Majesty's Command, Trunk Roads acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Trunk Roads [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 amend the law relating to trunk roads, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required (a) to be paid into the Road Fund for the purpose of meeting the expenses incurred by the Minister of War Transport with the approval of the Treasury under the said Act in the construction, maintenance, repair or improvement of roads, and such of his expenses in other dealing with roads (including expenses incurred in the acquisition of land under the said Act or in managing, improving or otherwise dealing with such land) as may be determined by the said Minister with the consent of the Treasury; and

(b) to defray any other expenses of the said Minister under the said Act; and the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the said Minister under the said Act. (Mr. Barnes.)

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.

Ordered, That Mr. Hardman and Mr. Robert Morrison be discharged from the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons); and that Mr. Guy and Mrs. Nixol be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Mathers.)

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. Mathers):

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

[No. 35.]

Friday, 9th November, 1945

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the North Devon Water Board Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Sixth Annual Report on Scottish Camps by the Scottish Special Housing Association Limited (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945).

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Barnstaple 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. Isaacs, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to War Damage (Valuation Appeals) [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 transfer, to a tribunal to be established for that purpose, of jurisdiction to determine appeals and references which under section thirty-two of the War Damage Act, 1943, may be made to a referee, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of—

(a) such remuneration and travelling and subsistence allowances of members of any panel constituted under the said Act, and such remuneration of officers and servants of any such panel, as the Lord Chancellor may, with the approval of the Treasury, determine; and

(b) such other expenses of any such panel as the Treasury may determine.—(Mr. Glennis.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Police (Overseas Service) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Isaacs, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Police (Overseas 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 maintenance of British civil police forces in certain countries and territories outside the United Kingdom, for the discipline and pensions of members of such forces, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred in accordance with the provisions of the said Act by a Secretary of State in respect of persons engaged under his control in the performance of police duties in any foreign country for the time being in the occupation of His Majesty or on behalf of the government of any country or territory outside the United Kingdom, including expenses incurred in the payment, in accordance with regulations
made in pursuance of the said Act, of pensions, allowances and gratuities, and of contributions towards pensions, allowances and gratuities, in respect of such persons;
(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums required by the said Act to be so paid.
—(Mr. John Hynd.)
Resolution to be reported.

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

The National Service (Release of Conscientious Objectors) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Pearson);
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.—(Captain Bing.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Trunk Roads Bill to Standing Committee D.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Douglas, Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Trunk Roads Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Colne Valley Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Air the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Bill (of an Order in Council, dated 30th October 1945, entitled the Air Navigation (Amendment) (Ministry of Civil Aviation) (Provisional) Order, 1945.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report for 1944, showing the Quantities of Spirituous Beverages imported into certain Territories under British Administration in Africa, and the Import Duties levied thereon.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Monetary Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Royal Norwegian Government, signed at London on the 8th day of November 1945.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Wing-Commander Strachey presented, by Air Force, His Majesty's Command,—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 1945, 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. Neil Maclean reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Statutory Committee B. Instruments Bill) —Mr. Pickthorn ; and had appointed in substitution Brigadier Low.

The Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Bill was, according to order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Isaacs, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) [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 further
provision for regulating the employment of dock workers, it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the payment out of moneys provided by
Parliament of expenses of the Minister of
Labour and National Service incurred in
pursuance of the said Act;
(b) the payment into the Exchequer of
receipts of the said Minister in respect of
loans made under the said Act.
—(Mr. Isaacs.)
Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Butcher reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Assurance Companies [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 amend the law relating to the carrying on of assurance business, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—
(a) of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the said Act of the present Session; and
(b) of any such increase in the expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, or the Assurance Companies (Winding up) Acts 1933 and 1935, as may be attributable to the passing of the said Act of the present Session.
—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)
Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Butcher reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Mr. Simmons reported from the Committee on Trunk Roads [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 trunk roads it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required—
(a) to be paid into the Road Fund for the purpose of meeting the expenses incurred by the Minister of War Transport with the approval of the Treasury under the said Act in the construction, maintenance, repair or improvement of roads, and such of his expenses in other dealing with roads (including expenses incurred in the acquisition of land under the said Act or in managing, improving or otherwise dealing with such land) as may be determined by the said Minister with the consent of the Treasury; and
(b) to defray any other expenses of the said Act.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table, Provisional Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, brought from the Lords and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:
Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Weston-super-Mare) Bill [Lords].
Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Doncaster) Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion being made, That the North Devon Water Board Bill [Lords] 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.

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 Amend-
ments; to which this House doth desire the
concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament.—Account
of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Account-
ant General of the Supreme Court in respect
of the Funds of Suitor of the Court in the
year ended the 28th day of February 1945;
a Statement of the Liability of the Consolidated
Fund; and an Account of the National Debt
Commissioners for the same period in respect
of funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme
Court of Judicature, with the Report of the
Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to
the directions of an Act of Parliament.—
Copy of an Order, dated 31st October 1945,
entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2)
Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented by His
Majesty's Command.—Copy of an Indictment
presented to the International Military
Tribunal sitting at Berlin on the 18th day
of October 1945, pursuant to the Agreement by
the Government of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the
Government of the United States of America,
the Provisional Government of the French
Republic and the Government of the Union
of Soviet Socialist Republics for the Prosecution
and Punishment of the Major War Criminals
of the European Axis.

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

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee
of Selection, That they had added the following
Ten Members to Standing Committee D
(in respect of the Trunk Roads Bill)—Mr.
Attorney General, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Thomas
Fraser, Lieutenant-Commander Lipton, Sir Murdoch
Macdonald, Mr. Fred Marshall, Mr. William
Morrison, Mr. Strauss and Mr. Peter Thorneycroft.

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 (Alteration of Rates) (No. 5) Order,
1945 (S.R. & O. 1945. No. 1314), a copy of which was presented on the 30th day of
October last, and are of 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. Butcher reported from Standing
Committee C, That they had gone through the
Building Restrictions (War-Time Contraven-
tions) Bill, and directed him to report the same,
without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into con-
consideration upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings
of the Committee be printed.

The Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Bill,
was, according to Order, read a second time,
and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Bevan, by His Majesty's Command,
acquainted the House, That His Majesty,
having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Furnished Houses
(Rent Control) [Money], proposed to be moved,
under the Standing Order (Money Committees),
in a Committee of the whole House, recom-
mends 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 the rent of houses or parts
thereof let at a rent which includes payment
for the use of furniture or for services, it is
expedient to authorise the payment out of
moneys provided by Parliament of—
(a) such remuneration and travelling and
other allowances of members and acting
members of any tribunal constituted
under the said Act, and such salaries and
allowances of the clerk and other officers
and servants of any such tribunal, as
the Minister of Health, with the consent
of the Treasury, may determine; and
(b) such other expenses of any such tribunal
as the Treasury may determine.

(Mr. Bevan.)
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 Public Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords]
was, according to Order, read a second time,
and committed to a Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being
Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Captain Blenkinsop);
And it being a quarter of an hour after
Nine of the clock, the Motion for the Adjourn-
ment of the House lapsed, without a Question
being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment
(Captain Snow.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Bill to Standing Committee C, and the Assurance Companies Bill to Standing Committee D.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Deputy Speaker this day appointed Mr. Butler Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Bill.

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Gennville Hall, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Key, presented a Bill to make financial provision for the purpose of facilitating the production, equipment, repair, alteration and acquisition of houses and other buildings, and to make provision for limiting the price for which certain houses may be sold and the rent at which certain houses may be let: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Eden, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Oliver, the Lord Advocate and Mr. Fraser, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to electoral registration and to voting at parliamentary and local government elections; to make provision with respect to jurors; to amend the law relating to returning officers for Scottish constituencies; and to provide for matters connected with the purposes aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Agriculture (Artificial Insemination) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Greenwood, 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 connected with 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 amount 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 1st January 1945, and ending not later than 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. Collick.)
Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 2 Confirmation Order, 1945, dated 22nd August 1945, made under the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Act, 1943, a copy of which Order was presented on the 23rd day of August last, be annulled:—(Mr. Snadden):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed the House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Mathers, Colonel Gomme-Duncan: } 45.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Mathers, Mr. Collindrige: } 263.
So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Deputy Speaker this day allocated the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Bill to Standing Committee C.

Notice was given this day that Mr. Deputy Speaker being of opinion that the Public Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill would be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Deputy Speaker this day appointed Mr. Watson Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Statutory Instruments Bill in place of Mr. Burden.

ECCELSIASTICAL COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of section 2 (a) of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919 (9 and 10 Geo. V., c. 76), Mr. Speaker this day nominated the following Fifteen Members of the House of Commons to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee:

Commander Peter Garnett Agnew, R.N.,
The Right Honourable Ralph Assheton, J.P.,
Clarence Barton, Esquire,
Lieutenant-Colonel Dennis Colridge Boles,
Thomas William Burden, Esquire,
Duncan Collindridge, Esquire,
Dr. John Corlett,
Lord John Collins, Esquire,
Jack Morgan Phillips Price, Esquire, J.P.,
Lieutenant-Colonel Evelyn Mansfield King,
Baroness Noel Buxton,
Walter John Farthing, Esquire,
Clement Edward Davies, Esquire, K.C.,
Commander Peter Garnett Agnew, R.N.,
The Right Honourable Ralph Assheton, J.P.,
Clarence Barton, Esquire,
Lieutenant-Colonel Dennis Colridge Boles,
Thomas William Burden, Esquire,
Duncan Collindridge, Esquire,
Dr. John Corlett,
Captain John Frederick Ellenborough Crouser, J.P.,
Walter John Farthing, Esquire,
Lieutenant-Colonel Evelyn Mansfield King,
Baroness Noel Buxton,
Morgan Phillips Price, Esquire, J.P.,
Lieutenant Thomas Cecil Sheffington-Lodge, R.N.,
The Right Honourable Henry Urmston Willink, M.C., K.C.
[No. 39.]
Thursday, 15th November, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

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.

The Colne Valley Water Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

The Mid Southern Utility Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1945, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 6) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories (for 1944).

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th May 1945, entitled the Improvement of Livestock (Licensing of Bulls) (England and Wales) Regulations, 1945.

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

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Bill)—Mr. Baxter, Captain Blankinsop, Mr. Bowen, Mr. George Brown, Mr. Richard Butler, Mr. Ness Edwards, Squadron-Leader Hollis, Mr. J. Isaacs, Mr. Thomas Macpherson and Mr. Strauss.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Assurance Companies Bill)—Chair-Lieutenant-Colonel Birch, Mr. Collindridge, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Ness Edwards, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Lyttleton, Mr. Hopkins Morris and Mr. Ellis Smith.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Water (Scotland) Bill)—Mr. Paton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Charles White.

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Key and Mr. Glenvil Hall, presented a Bill to provide for the payment out of the Exchequer in respect of three years of grants towards local government expenses supplementary to the General Exchequer Contribution, for the making in certain contingencies of contributions by county councils towards such grants, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Westwood, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Thomas Fraser, presented a Bill to provide for the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament towards local government expenses in Scotland of a further sum in addition to the General Exchequer Contribution payable under section fifty-three of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1929, in respect of each of three years and for the apportionment of such sum among the counties and large burghs of Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Report, which, upon the 16th day of October last, was made from the Select Committee on Procedure be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison):—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Report into consideration.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the general recommendations contained in their Report.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison):—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put:

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

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

(1) For the remainder of this Session paragraph 1 of the Standing Order (Constitution Committee C.
of Standing Committees) shall read, "As many Standing Committees shall be appointed as may be necessary for the consideration of bills or other business committed to a Standing Committee, and the procedure in those Committees shall be the same as in a Select Committee, unless the House otherwise orders. On a division being called in the House, the Chairman of a Standing Committee shall suspend the proceedings in the Committee for such time as will, in his opinion, enable the members to vote in the division. Any notice of amendment to a bill which has been committed to a Standing Committee shall stand referred to the Standing Committee. The quorum of a Standing Committee shall be fifteen. Strangers shall be admitted to a Standing Committee except when the Committee shall order them to withdraw."

(2) For the remainder of this Session the Standing Order (Nomination of Standing Committees) shall read, "Each of the said Standing Committees shall consist of twenty members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, who shall have regard to the composition of the House; and shall have power to discharge members from time to time, for non-attendance or at their own request, and to appoint others in substitution for those discharged. Provided that, for the consideration of all public bills relating exclusively to Wales and Monmouthshire, the Committee shall be so constituted as to comprise all members sitting for constituencies in Wales and Monmouthshire. The Committee of Selection shall also have power to add not more than thirty members to a Standing Committee in respect of any bill referred to it, to serve on the Committee during the consideration of such bill, and in adding such members shall have regard to their qualifications. Provided that this order shall not apply to the Standing Committee on Scottish bills."

(g) (a) A Standing Committee to whom a Bill has been committed shall meet to consider that Bill on such days of the week (being days on which the House sits) as may be appointed by the Standing Committee at half past ten o'clock and, if not previously adjourned, at quarter to one o'clock the Chairman shall adjourn the Committee without Question put:

Provided that the first meeting of a Standing Committee to consider a Bill shall be at half past ten o'clock on a day to be named by the Chairman of the Committee.

(b) Government Bills referred to a Standing Committee shall be considered in whatever order the Government may direct.

(c) Nothing in this Order shall prevent a Standing Committee meeting at hours additional to those set out in sub-paragraph (a) of this Order.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison)

The Question was amended, in l. 39, by leaving out from the second word "time," to the word "and," in l. 31.—(Sir Charles MacAndrew)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, so amended, in l. 39, by leaving out the word "more," and inserting the word "less"—(Mr. William Morrison).—instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That the word "more" stand part of the Question, so amended;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nos. to the Left.

Tellers for the

Mr. Simmons,

Tellers for the

Major Mott-Radclyffe,

Mr. Collinsbridge;

Commander Agnew:

258.

123.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, so amended, in l. 46 by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and if an Allocation of Time Order has been made in respect of the Bill the chairman shall put any questions necessary to conclude the proceedings allocated to the sitting in sufficient time that those questions may be decided before one o'clock."—(Sir Charles MacAndrew.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted — It passed in the Negative.

The Question, so amended, was further amended in l. 57, by leaving out the words "half-past ten o'clock," and inserting the words "a time and—which"—(Sir Charles MacAndrew),—instead thereof.

And the Question, so amended, being put; Ordered, That—

(1) For the remainder of this Session paragraph 1 of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) shall read, "As many Standing Committees shall be appointed as may be necessary for the consideration of bills or other business committed to a Standing Committee, and the procedure in those Committees shall be the same as in a Select Committee, unless the House otherwise orders. On a division being called in the House, the Chairman of a Standing Committee shall suspend the proceedings in the Committee for such time as will, in his opinion, enable the members to vote in the division. Any notice of amendment to a bill which has been committed to a Standing Committee shall stand referred to the Standing Committee. The quorum of a Standing Committee shall be fifteen. Strangers shall be admitted to a Standing Committee except when the Committee shall order them to withdraw."

(2) For the remainder of this Session the Standing Order (Nomination of Standing Committees) shall read, "Each of the said Standing Committees shall consist of twenty members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, who shall have regard to the composition of the House; and shall have power to discharge members from time to time, for non-attendance or at their own request, and to appoint others in substitution for those discharged. Provided that, for the consideration of all public bills relating exclusively to Wales and Monmouthshire, the Committee shall be so constituted as to comprise all members sitting for constituencies in Wales and Monmouthshire. The Committee of Selection shall also have power to add not more than thirty members to a Standing Committee in respect of any bill referred to it, to serve on the Committee during the consideration of such bill, and in adding such members shall have regard to their qualifications. Provided that this order shall not apply to the Standing Committee on Scottish bills."
(3) (a) A Standing Committee to whom a Bill has been committed shall meet to consider that Bill on such days of the week (being days on which the House sits) as may be appointed by the Standing Committee at half past ten o'clock and, if not previously adjourned, at one o'clock the Chairman shall adjourn the Committee without Question put:

Provided that the first meeting of a Standing Committee to consider a Bill shall be at a time and on a day to be named by the Chairman of the Committee.

(b) Government Bills referred to a Standing Committee shall be considered in whatever order the Government may decide.

(c) Nothing in this Order shall prevent a Standing Committee meeting at hours additional to those set out in sub-paragraph (a) of this Order.

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

(1) An Allocation of Time Order relating, or so much thereof as relates, to the Committee stage, made in respect of a Bill committed to or to be committed to a Standing Committee shall, as soon as the Bill has been allocated to a Standing Committee, stand referred without any Question being put to a Sub-Committee of that Standing Committee appointed under paragraph 2 of this Order.

(2) (a) There shall be a Sub-Committee of every Standing Committee, to be designated the Business Sub-Committee, for the consideration of any Allocation of Time Order or part thereof made in respect of any Bill allocated to that Standing Committee, and to report to that Committee upon—

(i) the number of sittings to be allotted to the consideration of the Bill;

(ii) the hours of sittings, if any, additional to those set out in paragraph (3) of the Order of the House of 15th November relating to Standing Committees;

(iii) the allocation of the proceedings to be taken at each sitting; and

(iv) the time at which proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

(b) As soon as may be after an Allocation of Time Order relating to a Bill committed to a Standing Committee has been made, Mr. Speaker shall nominate the Chairman of the Standing Committee in respect of that Bill and seven members of the Standing Committee as constituted in respect of that Bill to be members of the Business Sub-Committee to consider that order, and those members shall be discharged from the sub-committee when that Bill has been reported to the House of the Standing Committee. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Chairman of the Sub-Committee: the Quorum of the Sub-Committee shall be Four; and the Sub-Committee shall have power to report from time to time.

(c) All Resolutions of a Business Sub-Committee shall be printed and circulated with the Votes. If, when any such Resolutions have been reported to the Standing Committee, a Motion "That this Committee doth agree with the Resolution (or Resolutions) of the Business Sub-Committee is moved by the Member in charge of the Bill, such a Motion shall not require notice, and shall be moved at the commencement of proceedings at any sitting of a Standing Committee; and the Vol. 201.
Committees). Adjournment of public business. Minister of the Crown at the commencement may, after two days notice, be made by a business of Standing Committees a motion cation of Time Order made by the House. Sub-Committee of that Standing Committee appointed under paragraph 2 of this Order.

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(ii) the hours of sitting, if any, additional to those set out in paragraph (3) of the Order of the House of 15th November relating to Standing Committees;
(iii) the allocation of the proceedings to be taken at each sitting; and
(iv) the time at which proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

(b) As soon as may be after an Allocation of Time Order relating to a Bill committed to a Standing Committee has been made, Mr. Speaker shall nominate the Chairman of the Standing Committee in respect of that Bill and seven members of the Standing Committee as constituted in respect of that Bill to be members of the Business Sub-Committee to consider that order, and those members shall be disqualified from the sub-committee when that Bill has been reported to the House by the Standing Committee. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Chairman of the Sub-Committee; the Quorum of the Sub-Committee shall be Four; and the Sub-Committee shall have power to report from time to time.

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Ordered, That in order to facilitate the business of Standing Committees a motion may, after two days notice, be made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of public business

(a) "That this House do now adjourn;" and if the Question thereon be not previously agreed to by Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House without Question put half an hour after such a motion has been made; or

(b) "That this House do now adjourn till a quarter past six o'clock this day;" and the Question thereon shall be decided without amendment or debate. Provided that if on a day on which the motion is agreed to under this Order, leave has been given to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing an urgent matter of public importance, or if opposed private business has been set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, the motion so to be decided shall be "That this House do now adjourn till a quarter past six o'clock this day."

—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That for the remainder of this Money Session the Standing Order (Money Committees) shall have effect as if at the end thereof there were added "and any resolution come to by the Standing Committee may, with the general agreement of the House, be reported forthwith."—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, being Members of the House, or any of them, though not Members of a Standing Committee, may take part in the deliberations of the Committee, but shall not vote.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison)

The Question was amended, in l. 4, by leaving out the word "the," and inserting the word "this"—(Earl Winterton), instead thereof.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Mathers; Mr. Robert Taylor:
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewe; Commander Agnew:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, being Members of this House, or any of them, though not Members of a Standing Committee, may take part in the deliberations of the Committee, but shall not vote.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be ap Members' point to consider the expenses incurred in connection with their parliamentary and official duties by Members of this House, including Ministers whose salary is less than £5,000 per annum; their remuneration; and their conditions of work.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House Members' facilities now available to a Member of this House travelling on parliamentary duties between London and his constituency should be extended so as to provide facilities for free travel on such duties by any public railway, sea or air service, between—

(a) London and his constituency;
(b) London and such one other place outside his constituency as may have been notified to him by the Fees Office as being his ordinary residence; and
(c) his constituency and such one other place as aforesaid.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 5) Order, 1945, dated 23rd October 1945, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of October last, be approved.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
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Adjournment.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Deputy Speaker this day appointed Mr. Burden Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the National Service (Release of Conscientious Objectors) Bill, Mr. Frank Anderson Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Bill, Colonel Roper Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Assurance Companies Bill, and Sir Douglas Thomson Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Public Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

[No. 40.]

Friday, 16th November, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker is absent.

Emergency Powers (Defence) (General Regulations).

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 16th November 1945,—
(1) amending Regulation 42ca of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and
(2) adding Regulation 68cb to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 16th November 1945, amending Regulation 4 of, and adding Regulation 4a to, the Defence (Evacuated Areas) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 16th November 1945, amending Regulation 3 of the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th November 1945, entitled the Local Government (Boundary Commission) Regulations, 1945.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Inshore Fishing Industry Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Mr. Speaker's Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Certificate.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker).

The House, according to Order, resolved Civil Defence itself into a Committee on the Civil Defence (Suspension of Powers) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on War Damage (Valuation Appeals) (Valuation) Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the transfer, to a tribunal to be established for that purpose, of jurisdiction to determine appeals and references which under section thirty-two of the War Damage Act, 1943, may be made to a referee, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of—

(a) such remuneration and travelling and subsistence allowances of members of any panel constituted under the said Act, and such remuneration of officers and servants of any such panel, as the Lord Chancellor may, with the approval of the Treasury, determine; and

(b) such other expenses of any such panel as the Treasury may determine.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the War Damage (Valuation Appeals) Bill [Lords],

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to. Schedule amended, and agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Police (Overseas Service) (Money), a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the maintenance of British civil police forces in certain countries and territories outside the United Kingdom, for the discipline and pensions of members of such forces, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred in accordance with the provisions of the said Act by a Secretary of State in respect of persons engaged under his control in the performance of police duties in any foreign country for the time being in the occupation of His Majesty or on behalf of the government of any country or territory outside the United Kingdom, including expenses incurred in the payment in accordance with regulations made in pursuance of the said Act, of pensions, allowances and gratuities, and of contributions towards pensions, allowances and gratuities, in respect of such persons;

(b) the payment into the exchequer of any sums required by the said Act to be so paid.

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

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

(In the Committee).

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

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

(Mr. Robert Taylor);
And, it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

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

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

Monday, 16th November, 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 Alexander Sloan, Esquire, Member for the County of Ayr and Bute (South Ayrshire Division), and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gloucester Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Reigate Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Nurses, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th November 1945, entitled the Nurses (No. 2) Regulations, 1945.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Service applications for postal voting facilities, the number of postal and proxy votes cast by or on behalf of Service voters, the number of Service electors and the total numbers of electors and of votes cast at the General Election of July 1945, in Great Britain and Northern Ireland—(Mr. Oliver.)

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee Selection of Members from Standing Committee C.—Group-Captain Aitken, Mr. Astor, Mr. Berry, Colonel Clarke, Mr. Close, Mr. Davies, Captain Drayson, Mr. Driberg, Mr. Gallacher, Professor Gruffydd, Mr. Hastings, Miss Heribson, Lord John Hope, General Sir George Jeffreys, Mr. McIntire, Mr. McKinlay, Mr. Morl, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Edward Porter and Mr. Reeves.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee C, That they had added the following Members to Standing Committee C in respect of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment Bill):—Group-Captain Aitken, Mr. Astor, Mr. Berry, Colonel Clarke, Mr. Close, Mr. Davies, Captain Drayson, Mr. Driberg,
Standing Committee C.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (in respect of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Bill) :—Mr. Richard Butler; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Thorneycroft.

Standing Committee D.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (in respect of the Assurance Companies (Money), a Resolution) :—Mr. Huibert and Major Legge-Bourke; and had appointed in substitution Colonel Clarke and Mr. Cooper-Key.

Standing Committee D.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (in respect of the Scottish Bills) :—Mr. Ness Edwards; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Lewis Edwards.

Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

Mr. Ness Edwards reported from the Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Public Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords]) :—Mr. Bottomley, Mr. Edelman, Mr. Fellick, Mr. Goodrich, Captain George Jeger, Mrs. Middleton, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Peart, Mr. Shinnard, Dr. Barnett Stross, Dr. Stephen Taylor, Mr. Percy Wells, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. William Williams and Mrs. Wills.

The Finance Bill was, according to Order read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) (Money).

Mr. Ness Edwards reported from the Committee on Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for regulating the employment of dock workers, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the said Act of the present Session; and

(b) of any such increase in the expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, or the Assurance Companies (Winding up) Acts, 1933 and 1935, as may be attributable to the carrying on of assurance business it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee on Assurance Companies (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 the carrying on of assurance business it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Mathers.
Yea, Mr. Robert Taylor: 290.
Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Drewe,
Noe, Major Mott-Radclyffe: 128.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. William Morrison);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Drewe,
Yea, Major Mott-Radclyffe: 123.
Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Pearson,
Noe, Captain Blenkinsop: 290.
So it passed in the Negative.
The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Secretary Ede, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Emergency Laws (Transitional 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.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the continuation, extension, amendment, permanent enactment, or repeal of certain emergency laws, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by any Minister of the Crown in consequence of the passing of the said Act and any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act in any sums authorised or required by any other enactment to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

And it being after a quarter-past Nine o'clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee on Furnished Houses (Rent Control) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth: That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the rent of houses or parts thereof let at a rent which includes payment for the use of furniture or for services, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) such remuneration and travelling and other allowances of members and acting members of any tribunal constituted under the said Act and such salaries and allowances of the clerk and other officers and
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Robert Taylor, Yeas, 279.;
Tellers for the [Sir Arthur Young, Noes, 120.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Elections and Second Reading of the Elections and Jurors Jurors Bill.

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words, "this House, whilst welcoming the proposal to extend facilities for absent voting to persons who have changed their residence, and to blind persons and persons physically incapable of voting, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which ignores many of the recommendations of the Speaker's Conference and, notwithstanding the assurances given by the Lord President of the Council on 27th June 1944, continues the suspension of any qualifying period, and perpetuates a system of registration which has resulted in many persons being deprived of the franchise,"—[Mr. Manningham-Buller],—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. Joseph Henderson, Yeas, 296.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, 149.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was 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, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Secretary Ede, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Elections and Jurors [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 amend the law relating to electoral registration and to voting at parliamentary and local government elections, to make provision with respect to jurors books, to amend the law relating to returning officers for Scottish constituencies, and to provide for matters connected with the purposes aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of one-half of the expenses of registration officers in Great Britain in performing their functions under that Act, including all proper and reasonable charges for
In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Touche Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Bill.
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 particulars of a Class of Documents existing or accruing in units and formations of the Royal Air Force or in the Air Ministry, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 16th November 1945, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Patents), 1945.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Twenty Members from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Alpass, Mr. Thomas Brooks, Mr. Deer, Colonel Dodds-Parker, Mr. Dye, Mr. Foot, Mr. Gallacher, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Captain MacLeod, Mr. Montague, Mr. Oldfield, Mrs. Paton, Mr. Ratles, Brigadier Rayner, Sir David Robertson, Colonel Roper, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Colonel Wigg, Major Wilkes and Mr. Frederick Willey.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Emergency Laws (Transitional Powers) Bill):—Mr. Collick, Major Conant, Sir William Darling, Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Ness Edwards, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Gallacher, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Key, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Brigadier Lov, Captain MacLeod, Mr. Montague, Mr. William Morrison, Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Paton, Mr. James Reid, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Major William Wells and Major Willes.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Chairmen's Panel a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That whenever the Chairman of a Standing Committee adjourns the Committee without Question put, the Debate on any Question then under discussion, or further Consideration of the Bill shall be resumed at the next sitting of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was read, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Supplies and Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Bill, with amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Business of Motion for the Adjournment of the House be put.

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Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Business of Motion for the Adjournment of the House be put.
And, it being a quarter of an hour before Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, as modified for this Session by the Order made upon the 16th day of August last, till to-morrow.

[No. 45.]

Friday, 23rd November, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales for the year ended the 31st day of December 1944, and from the 24th day of September 1914 to the 31st day of December 1944, in respect of transactions under the Welsh Church Act, 1914, and the Welsh Church (Temporalities) Act, 1919, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

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

(Captain Stewart);

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

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

(Captain Stewart);

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

[No. 46.]

Monday, 26th November, 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 John William Sunderland, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Preston, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member for the Borough of Tottenham (North Division) to serve in this present Parliament for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th November 1945, entitled the Fish Sales (Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

Copy of a Statement of the Payments by the War Damage Commission and Contributions received by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under Part I of the War Damage Act, 1943, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1945, 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.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty’s International Labour Conference, a Report of certain recommendations adopted at the 26th Session of the International Labour Conference, 1944.

Mr. Isaacs also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th November 1945, entitled the Disabled Persons (District Advisory Committees and Panels) (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations, 1945.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th November 1945, entitled the Fish Sales (Charges).

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

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws in Session 1866, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Register of Temporary Laws for the Tenth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.
Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had added the following Member to Standing Committee B:—Mr. Deer.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mrs. Ayton Gould; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Simmons.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the National Service (Release of Conscientious Objectors) Bill):—Mr. Simmons; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Frederick Willey.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Public Health (Scotland) Bill):—Captain Jeger; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Scott-Elliott.

The Right Honourable Richard Kidston, Law, Member for the Borough of Kensington (South Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That the Proceedings in the Committee on Building Materials and Housing (Money) be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Mr. Bevan, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Building Materials and Housing (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 financial provision for the purpose of facilitating the production, equipment, repair, alteration and acquisition of houses and other buildings, and to make provision for limiting the price for which certain houses may be sold and the rent at which certain houses may be let, it is expedient—

(i) to authorise the Treasury to advance money out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred by the Minister of Works for the purposes of the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944; and

(ii) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums payable by the Minister of Works in respect of persons who have been employed in connection with the performance thereof; and

so, however, that the total amount outstanding in respect of the principal of such advances shall not at any time exceed one hundred million pounds;

(2) to authorise the expenditure, for the purpose of providing money to be so advanced as aforesaid, to raise money in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, and for that purpose to create and issue securities which shall for all purposes be deemed to have been created and issued under that Act:

(3) to authorise the Treasury to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of any sums payable by the Minister of Health or the Secretary of State, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, into a Fund to be established under those provisions;

(4) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of all sums paid by the Minister of Works to the Treasury in respect of advances under the said Act and of any amount standing to the credit of the said Fund when it is closed;

(5) 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 so far as they represent interest, in payment of interest which would otherwise be payable out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt, and, in so far as they do not represent interest, in redemption or repayment of debt;

(6) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums payable by the Minister of Works in respect of advances under the said Act after the said fund has been closed:

(7) to authorise the increase by fifty million pounds of the limit upon the sums which the Treasury may issue out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred by the Minister of Works for the purposes of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925, as amended by section sixty-seven of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935.

(Mr. Bevan.)

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.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee on Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the continuation, extension, amendment, permanent enactment, or repeal of certain emergency laws, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by any Minister of the Crown in consequence of the passing of the said Act, and any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act in any sums authorised or required by any other enactment to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.

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

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 47.]

Tuesday, 27th November, 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.:

Metropolitan Water Board Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Secretary Ede 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 7 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of Stockport.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statement of the Sums received and of the Payments made by the Board of Trade under the War Damage Business Scheme in the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

Copy of a Statement of the Sums received and of the Payments made by the Board of Trade under the War Damage Private Chattels Scheme in the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., That they had made further Progress in 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 Local Government (Boundary Commission) Regulations, 1945, a copy of which was presented on the 16th day of this instant November, 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. Herbert Morrison reported from the Privileges Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the subject matter of the communication made to the House by Mr. Speaker upon the 11th day of October last, That they had considered the said matter 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.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Public Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords]):—Mrs. Scottish Bills. Wills; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Grierson.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, the Lords, had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Speaker upon the 11th day of October last, That they had considered the said matter 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.

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

(In the Committee.)

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

Clause No. 1 (Cesser of charge of purchase tax in respect of certain cooking and heating appliances and refrigerators).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 24, after the word "lamps", to insert the words "and immediately after the entry relating to gramophone records adapted for the use of the blind respectively."—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 24, to leave out the words “the First Schedule to this Act,” and insert the words “Part I of the First Schedule to this Act describing...
domestic cooking and heating appliances and immediately before the entry relating to trams, trolley vehicles, omnibuses and charabancs, the words contained in Part II of the said First Schedule to this Act describing London taxicabs.”—(Sir Walham Wakefield.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Mathers,
Yeas, Mr. Pearson : 283.
Tellers for the Major Mott-Radclyffe,
Noes, Commander Agnew : 150.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 to 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Income tax for 1946-47).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 30, to leave out from the third word “the,” to the end of l. 44, and insert the words “Table in subsection (1) of section seven of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940.”—(Captain Crookshank.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,
Yeas, Mr. Simmons : 275.
Tellers for the Mr. Drew,
Noes, Mr. Studholme : 116.

Clause agreed to.

Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

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

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Increase of certain reliefs for 1946-47 and subsequent years).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 48, at the end, to insert the words—

“(3) Subsection (1) of section fifteen of the Finance Act, 1925 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides for a reduction of tax of an amount equal to one-tenth of the amount of earned income, but not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds) shall, as respects the year 1946-47, and all subsequent years of assessment, have effect as if—

(a) the word ‘sixth’ were substituted for the word ‘tenth’; and

(b) the words ‘two hundred and fifty pounds’ were substituted for the words ‘one hundred and fifty pounds’, and subsection (2) of the said section fifteen (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides, in a case where an individual or his wife is of the age of sixty-five or upwards and his total income does not exceed five hundred pounds, for a deduction of tax on an amount equal to one-tenth of his income) shall have effect as if the words ‘sixth’ were substituted for the word ‘tenth’. ”—(Mr. Boothby.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Drew,
Yeas, Commander Agnew : 162.
Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,
Noes, Captain Snow : 284.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 48, at the end, to insert the words—

“(3) Section twenty-one of the Finance Act, 1920 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides, for a deduction of fifty pounds in respect of each child), shall have effect, as respects the year 1946-47 and subsequent years, as if the words ‘sixty pounds’ were substituted for the words ‘fifty pounds’ in subsections (1) and (3) thereof ”—(Squadron Leader Hollis.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir Arthur Young,
Yeas, Major Mott-Radclyffe : 161.
Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Noes, Captain Snow : 230.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 16, to leave out subsection (4)—(Mr. Stanley.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Yeas, Mr. Simmons : 294.
Tellers for the Mr. Drew,
Noes, Mr. Studholme : 155.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 16 to 18 agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Application of Rules 19 and 21 of the General Rules to interest, etc., payable by local authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 46, after the word “person,” to insert the words “other than a local authority”—(Mr. Benson.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 20 to 27 agreed to.

Clause No. 28 (Relief not to be given for deficiencies of profits occurring after end of 1946).

Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 34, to leave out the word "forty-seven," and insert the word "forty-eight."—(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

Question put, That the word "forty-seven," stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Mathers, 287.
 Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pearson. 135.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words—

Provided that this subsection shall not apply to any deficiency of profits occurring in any chargeable accounting period beginning on or after the said first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, which is attributable wholly or partly to expenditure or loss incurred by reason of, or consequential upon, circumstances arising in any chargeable accounting period beginning before the said first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-seven (which expenditure or loss is hereinafter referred to as "a terminal loss") to the extent that any such deficiency is so attributable.

For the purpose of this subsection, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, a terminal loss shall include—

(a) any expenditure incurred on repairs and renewals which were due to be made but could not be carried out before the said first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-seven;

(b) any expenditure incurred in the process of rehabilitation from war-time production to peace-time production.

—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 29 to 37 agreed to.

Clause No. 38 (Undertakings and authorisations). Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 3, to leave out the words "directly or indirectly."—(Mr. Walter Fletcher.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 41, at the end, to add the words, "and shall lapse at the end of such five year period."—(Sir Wavell Wakefield.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 41, at the end, to add the words—

"(5) Any person who has given such undertaking may submit proof to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue that a sum not less than the net amount of the refund has been expended by him since the seventh day of April nineteen hundred and forty-one in the purchase of equipment or alteration or re-equipment of premises for the purpose of the trade, in the purchase of trading and non-trade stock, or in the discharge of liabilities previously incurred or such purposes or otherwise for the purposes of the business and on the acceptance of such proof by the Commissioners which must be given or refused within three months of the submission thereof the undertaking will be satisfied and no further claim can be made on that person with regard to the net refund under the next two succeeding sections.

Provided that any such person may from time to time submit proof that expenditure for the above mentioned objects or any of them has been incurred in respect of a sum less than the amount of the post-war refund and on acceptance of such proof by the Commissioners the undertaking will be satisfied in respect of this sum.—(Sir Peter Bennett.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 39 to 45 agreed to.

Clause No. 46 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 47 to 60 agreed to.

Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

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

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 made upon the 16th day of August last, it being then twenty-five minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Inshore Fishing Industry Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Inshore Fishing Industry Bill be Industry Bill taken into consideration upon Monday next.
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Library (House of Commons) have leave to report from time to time.

Mr. Benson reported from the Committee, That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Police Bill): Mr. Bartlett: and had appointed in substitution Mr. Lyttelton.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Bill): Major Peter Roberts: and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ratkes.

Mr. Butcher reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Douglas Thomson reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, That they had gone through the Public Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

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

(In the Committee)

A Clause (Reduced rates of entertainments duty) (Sir Stanley Holmes)—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. Drewe; Noes, Mr. Joseph Henderson: 149.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson; Noes, Mr. Joseph Henderson: 224.

Another Clause (Housekeeping allowance) (Mr. Eccles)—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. Drewe; Noes, Mr. Joseph Henderson: 137.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Mott-Radclyffe; Noes, Mr. Collinderidge: 250.

Another Clause (Cesser of charge of purchase tax in respect of motor-cars for use by registered medical practitioners and by veterinary surgeons) (Major Beamish)—brought up and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Repayment of post-war credits in certain cases) (Lieutenant-Commander Clark Hutchinson)—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. Studholme; Noes, Mr. Simmons: 117.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Collinderidge: 265.

Another Clause (Rules 9 and 10 of Schedule E of Income Tax Act, 1918) (Colonel Erroll)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Outlay by rural craftsmen) (Sir Gifford Fox)—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 (Sales of plant between controlled bodies of persons) (Sir Peter Bennett)—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 (Reduced customs duties on tea) (Mr. Butcher)—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 (Double taxation) (Sir Peter Bennett)—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 (Expenditure of tax allowances for repairs on motor vehicles) (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 Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Expenses in connection with a successful appeal to be a deduction for income tax purposes) (Mr. Charles Taylor)—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 (Reduced excise duties on spirits) (Mr. Boothby)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Arthur Young, Yeas, Mr. Studholme: 86.
Tellers for the (Mr. Pearson, Noes, Captain Snow: 217.

First Schedule.
Amendment proposed, in p. 53, l. 14, at the end, to add the words,—
All medicines, drugs, or other articles required in treatment for sickness, disease, or surgical operations".—(Sir Thomas Moore.) Question, That those words be there added.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 53, l. 14, at the end, to add the words,—
Furniture, plate, ornaments and textiles purchased by public subscription for a war memorial in a place of religious worship".—(Mr. Keeling.) Question proposed, That those words be there added.

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 53, l. 14, at the end, to add the words,—Office machines, equipment, furniture and forms not capable of use for or adaptable to domestic purposes".—(Mr. Pitman.) Question proposed, That those words be there added. Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to. Second to Tenth 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 an Amendment thereunto.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

(In the Committee)
Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate.—I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1941.

D. Clifton Brown, Speaker.

The Workmen’s Compensation (Pneumococcosis) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Building Restrictions (War-Time Contraventions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Earl Winterton.)

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Statement of the Greenwich Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and Travers’ Foundation for the year ending the 31st day of March, 1946, which was presented on the 23rd day of August last, be approved.—(Mr. John Dugdale.)

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Members’ Expenses do consist of Seventeen Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Lieutenant-Commander Brathwaite, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Haydn Davies, Colonel Dods-Dark-Parker, Professor Graffyld, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Cuthbert Headlam, Mr. Joyson-Hicks, Mr. Lang, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lipson, Mr. McKinlay, Captain Smith, Mr. Tom Smith, Major Symonds, Mrs. Wills and Earl Winterton.

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

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor).

Ordered, That Mr. Eden be discharged from Privileges, the Committee of Privileges; and that Earl Winterton be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor)

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

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 made upon the 16th day of August last, it being then eight minutes before Two of the clock on Friday morning; till this day.
Local Government (Financial Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Isaacs, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Local Government (Financial Provisions) [Money], proposed to be moved, under 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 the Exchequer in respect of three years of grants towards local government expenses supplementary to the General Exchequer Contribution, for the making in certain contingencies of contributions by county councils towards such grants, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of grants to local authorities in respect of the years beginning on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-five, nineteen hundred and forty-six and nineteen hundred and forty-seven, of amounts representing Exchequer contributions of ten million pounds for the first year, eleven million pounds for the second year and twelve million pounds for the third year, together with an amount for each year equal to the total of any sums required by the said Act to be contributed by county councils for making up the the amounts of grants under the said Act for that year to the councils of areas within counties; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums required by the said Act to be contributed as aforesaid by county councils.

—(Mr. Key.)

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Snow);--(Par. Key.)

And it being Four 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—(Captain Stewart);

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

THE Metropolitan Water Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command, Minute, dated 29th November 1945, relative to the supply of certain surplus stores to Poland.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th November 1945, entitled the Potatoes (1945 Crop) (Charges) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (Rent Control) Bill)—Mr. Weitzman; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Belcher.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Water (Scotland) Bill)—Major Younger; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Mitchison.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Building Materials and Housing (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as (Money), followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make financial provision for the purpose of facilitating the production, equipment, repair, alteration and acquisition of houses and other buildings, and to make provision for limiting the price for which certain houses may be sold and the rent at which certain houses may be let, it is expedient—

(1) to authorise the Treasury to advance money out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of defraying expenses of the...
Minister of Works in performing functions in connection with—
(a) the purchase, production and distribution of building materials and equipment for buildings;
(b) the carrying out of work undertaken for the purpose of providing housing accommodation;
including expenses incidental to the performance of those functions and charges—
(i) in respect of premises, supplies or services used in connection with the performance thereof; and
(ii) in respect of expenses which fall or may ultimately fall to be borne in providing superannuation benefits in respect of persons who have been employed in connection with the performance thereof;
so, however, that the total amount outstanding in respect of the principal of such advances shall not at any time exceed one hundred million pounds;
(2) to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing money to be so advanced as aforesaid, to raise money in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, and for that purpose to create and issue securities which shall for all purposes be deemed to have been created and issued under that Act;
(3) to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of any sums payable by the Minister of Health or the Secretary of State, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, into a Fund to be established under those provisions;
(4) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of all sums paid by the Minister of Works to the Treasury in respect of advances under the said Act and of any amount standing to the credit of the said Fund when it is closed;
(5) 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 so far as they represent interest, in payment of interest which would otherwise be payable out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt, and, in so far as they do not represent interest, in redemption or repayment of debt;
(6) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums payable by the Minister of Works in respect of advances under the said Act and of any amount standing to the credit of the said Fund when it has been closed;
(7) to authorise the increase by fifty million pounds of the limit upon the sums which the Treasury may issue out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred by the Minister of Works for the purposes of the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944; and
(8) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required to be so paid in consequence of increasing the limit upon the estimated value of houses or flats in respect of which guarantees may be given under section ninety-one of the Housing Act, 1936, or under section seventy-five of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925, as amended by section sixty-seven of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Building itself into a Committee on the Building Materials and Housing Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Advances to Minister of Works).
Amendment proposed in p. 1, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words "from outside the United Kingdom when such materials and equipment will not be procurable in the quantities required and at times required from sources within the United Kingdom; and for purchasing building materials consisting of structures ready for erection as houses and permanent equipment for such houses."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Stamford :)

Noes, (Mr. Simmons :)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words "where existing and projected factory capacity is estimated to be insufficient to produce the quantity required at the dates required and where existing channels for distribution are inadequate for securing an even flow of such materials and equipment."—(Mr. Willink.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Stamford :)

Noes, (Mr. Simmons :)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, after the word "of," to insert the words " and at the request of."—(Mr. Willink.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out from the word "authority," to the end of the subsection, and insert the words "of an area which has suffered extensive war damage or in which the local authority has an inadequate staff or insufficient building labour, work undertaken by the authority in connection with the provision of prefabricated housing accommodation for the working classes."—(Mr. Willink.)

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

Another Amendment proposed in p. 1, l. 22, to leave out the word "forty-seven," and insert the word "fifty."—(Mr. Tomlinson.)

Question put, That the word "fifty," stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Studholme ;)

Noes, (Mr. Simmons :)

Word "fifty" there inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Adjournment.

Clause No. 2 (The Building Materials and Housing Fund).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out 1. 4t, and insert the words "a manner as to show separately the amounts advanced to the Minister under this Act and the date of the advances; the receipts of the Minister in connection with the performance of each of the functions specified in section one of this Act; the amounts paid into the fund by the Minister of Health and the dates of such payments: the amounts paid out of the fund by way of principal and the amounts so paid by way of interest; the amount paid out by the Minister in payment of expenses incurred in performing each of the functions specified in section one of this Act in such form as the Treasury may direct; a statement showing the profit or loss made by the Minister in carrying out each of the functions specified in section one of this Act; and a statement in such manner and form as the Treasurer may direct showing the financial position of the fund."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mathers, 258.
Yea,
Captain Blenkinsop ;]

Tellers for the [Sir Arthur Young, 102.
Noes,
Mr. Studholme ;]

Another Amendment proposed in p. 2. 1. 43. to leave out the word "November," and insert the word "June."—(Mr. Willink.)

Question put, That the word "November" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, 254.
Yea,
Captain Blenkinsop ;]

Tellers for the [Sir Arthur Young, 104.
Noes,
Major Mott-Radclyffe ;]

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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

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

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.

Tuesday, 4th December, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Bank Notes directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of the amount of Notes issued more than 40 years and outstanding on the 29th day of September 1945 which have been written off from the total amount of Notes issued from the Issue Department of the Bank of England.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, by His Majesty's Gas Industry Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the Gas Industry.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, by His Majesty's Unemployment Assistance.

Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Assistance Board for 1944.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local Government Act, 1937.

By Order of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Building Materials and Housing Bill into a Committee on the Building Materials and Housing Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 (The Building Materials and Housing Fund).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3. 1. 1, after the word "be," to insert the words "laid before Parliament and a copy thereof."—(Mr. Willink.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, 138.
Yea,
Mr. Studholme ;]

Tellers for the [Mr. Robert Taylor, 277.
Noes,
Captain Blenkinsop ;]

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Payments into Building Materials and Housing Fund by the Minister of Health).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3. 1. 8, after the word "materials," to insert the words "including the cost of those materials."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 8, to leave out the word "substantially."—(Mr. Douglas.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 12, after the word "cost," to insert the words "being prices which will not reduce the full cost of construction below the cost of constructing a house of a similar size by traditional methods."—(Mr. Willink.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 22, at the end, to add the words "and shall lay before Parliament each quarter a statement showing the average amount paid by him per house and per set of such building materials."—(Mr. Willink.)

Question put, That those words be there added.—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Mott-Radcliffe: 147.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Henderson: 207.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Extension of powers of local authorities to give financial assistance towards acquisition, construction, etc., of houses).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 31, at the end, to add the words—

"(3) In relation to an advance or a guarantee in respect of any house in the administrative county of London this section shall have effect in the manner provided for Scottish constituencies, and to provide for matters connected with the purposes foreseen, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of one-half of the expenses of registration officers in Great Britain in performing their functions under that Act, including all proper and reasonable charges for trouble, care and attention in the performance of those functions and any costs incurred by such an officer as party to an appeal; and

(b) of one-half of any expenses properly incurred by the proper officer of a local authority in England or Wales in the performance of the functions of registration officers under the said Act, including reasonable charges for the proper officer's own trouble, care and attention in the performance of those functions and for the remuneration and expenses of any staff provided by the authority;

(c) of any expenses properly incurred by registration officers in Northern Ireland in connection with their functions under the said Act, the said expenses to be calculated subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of section fifteen of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, as if they were registration expenses as defined for the purposes of that section, and to include the expense of any printing required in connection with the performance of those functions; and

(d) of any sums paid by registration officers in Northern Ireland in respect of services performed and expenses incurred by overseers under the said Act.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Elections and Jurors Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 11 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Application to Northern Ireland)—(Mr. Bevan)—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 Bill 44. Committee be taken into consideration tomorrow; and be printed.

Mr. Collindridge reported from the Committee on Elections and Jurors [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 electoral registration and to voting at parliamentary and local government elections, to make provision with respect to jurors books, to amend the law relating to returning officers for Scottish constituencies, and to provide for matters connected with the purposes foreseen, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of one-half of the expenses of registration officers in Great Britain in performing their functions under that Act, including all proper and reasonable charges for trouble, care and attention in the performance of those functions and any costs incurred by such an officer as party to an appeal; and

(b) of one-half of any expenses properly incurred by the proper officer of a local authority in England or Wales in the performance of the functions of registration officers under the said Act, including reasonable charges for the proper officer's own trouble, care and attention in the performance of those functions and for the remuneration and expenses of any staff provided by the authority;

(c) of any expenses properly incurred by registration officers in Northern Ireland in connection with their functions under the said Act, the said expenses to be calculated subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of section fifteen of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, as if they were registration expenses as defined for the purposes of that section, and to include the expense of any printing required in connection with the performance of those functions; and

(d) of any sums paid by registration officers in Northern Ireland in respect of services performed and expenses incurred by overseers under the said Act.

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

Elections and Jurors Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Annual register to be used for all parliamentary elections until registers are in force under 7 & 8 Geo. 5. c. 64).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out from the word "the," to the end of line 13, and insert the words "fifteenth day of October nineteen hundred and forty-six."—(Mr. Peake.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, at the end, to insert the words—
"(2) Notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1945 the annual register which is due to come into force on the fifteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-six, shall instead come into force on the first day of October of that year, and in subsequent years the date for the coming into force of the annual register shall be the first day of October."—(Major Boyd-Carpenter.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Supplementary register).

Another Amendment made, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave out the word "December," and insert the word "January."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 33, to leave out the word "was," and insert the words "will have reached."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 40, to leave out paragraph (a), and insert the words—
"(a) that between the end of June nineteen hundred and forty-five, and the end of December in that year, the said person ceased to reside in the constituency for which he or she is registered in a civilian residence register as a parliamentary elector or that the said person ceased to be a member of the forces or a seaman between the end of June, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and the end of December in that year."—(Lieutenant-Colonel Byers.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 40, after the word "of," to insert the words "or was released from."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 1, to leave out from the word "shall" to the word "secure," in line 2.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Extension of facilities for voting as a civilian absent voter).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 2, to leave out the word "area" and insert the words "polling district."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 12, to leave out the word "parliamentary."—(Mr. Peake.)

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 10 to 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 16 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 17 to 20 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 21 to 25 agreed to.

First Schedule amended to, and agreed to.

Second Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Third and Fourth Schedules agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Inshore Fishing Industry Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Cinematograph Industry Bill.

Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of Stockport, a copy of which Order was presented on the 27th day of November last, be approved.

—(Mr. Oliver.)

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

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 made upon the 16th day of August last, it being then twenty-three minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day transferred the National Service (Release of Conscientious Objectors) Bill from Standing Committee B to Standing Committee D.
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 Confirmation (Weston-super-Mare) Bill [Lords]; that they were of opinion that the said Order [Lords] ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee on Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the (Rent Control) Bill) : Commander Galbraith; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Law.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Motion relating to Censure on Policy of His Majesty's Government 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.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Censure on proposed, That this House regrets that His Policy of His Majesty's Government are neglecting their first duty, namely, to concentrate with full energy upon the most urgent and essential tasks of the re-conversion of our industries from war-time production to that of peace, the provision of houses, the speedy release of men and women from the Forces to Industry, and the drastic curtailment of our swollen national expenditure; and deplores the pre-occupation of His Majesty's Ministers, impelled by Socialist theory, with the formulation of long-term schemes for nationalisation, creating uncertainty over the whole field of industrial and economic activity in direct opposition to the best interest of the nation, which demands food, work and homes. —(Mr. Lyttelton) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Bill be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Callaghan and Professor Members' Expenses. Gruffydd be discharged from the Select Committee on Members' Expenses; and that Mr. Daggar and Mr. Horabin be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Mathers.)

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

Mr. Mathers.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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Thursday, 6th December, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Doncaster) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Weston-super-Mare) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

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

Public Petitions.

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

Mr. Glenny Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Financial Agreement between the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom, dated 6th December 1945, together with a Joint Statement regarding Settlement for Lend-Lease, Reciprocal Aid, Surplus War Property and Claims.

Copy of statistical material presented during the Washington negotiations.

Mr. Glenny Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (for Services other than those voted by Parliament), in the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Proposals for consideration by an International Conference on Trade and Employment, as transmitted by the Secretary of State of the United States of America to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington on the 6th day of December 1945 (with Joint Statement by the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom).

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations, dated 6th December 1945, entitled—

(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1945, and

(2) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1945.

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

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The Deputy Chairman reported from the Plymouth St. Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Plymouth St. District Council Bill Mary Rural District Council Bill [Lords], 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.

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

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from His Majesty's Ministers, impelled by Socialist theory, with the formulation of long-term schemes for nationalisation, creating uncertainty over the whole field of industrial and economic activity in direct opposition to the best interest of the nation, which demands food, work and homes; and the Question being again proposed:—

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Motion for the Adjournment of the House moved this day, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for Two hours after a quarter past Nine of the clock.—

Mr. Whiteley.

And the Original Question being put:

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Motion for the Adjournment of the House moved this day, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for Two hours after a quarter past Nine of the clock.—

Mr. Whiteley.

And the Original Question being put:—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn; Mr. James Stuart; 197.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mathers; Mr. Whiteley; 381.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison;

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eleven 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. Whiteley.)

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

[No. 55.]

Friday, 7th December, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Doncaster) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, 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 Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Weston-super-Mare) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

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

Mr. Secretary Lawson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Rules of Procedure (Army), 1926.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council dated 7th December 1945, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Seamen’s Provisions) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 7th December 1945, entitled the Diplomatic Privileges (United Nations Organization and Preparatory Commission) Order in Council, 1945.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Summary of Returns made to the Minister of Health of the Income and Expenditure of Local Authorities in England and Wales for the year ended the 31st day of March 1942.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments of the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Doncaster) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Weston-super-Mare) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Secretary Bevin, Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. Glendenning, presented a Bill to enable effect to be given to certain international agreements for the establishment and operation of an international Monetary Fund and an International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Elections and Juries Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 3, p. 2, l. 33, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Ede.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

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

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Building Materials and Housing Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 6, p. 4, l. 21, and Clause No. 6, p. 4, l. 33, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Key.—(Mr. Key.)

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

Clause No. 6 amended, and agreed to.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Building Materials and Housing Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 6, p. 4, l. 21, and Clause No. 6, p. 4, l. 33, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Key.—(Mr. Key.)

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

Clause No. 6 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.

Several Amendments were made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 7, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

Provided that no offer or agreement to sell or let taking effect at or after the expiry of the period of four years following upon the passing of this Act shall, if made within three months of the expiry of the said period, constitute an offence.”—(Mr. Willink.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 37, by inserting, after the second word “the”, the word “financial.”—(Mr. Willink.)

And the Question being put, That the word “financial” be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen’s Compensation (Pneumoconiosis) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of John Edmondson Whittaker, Esquire, Member for the County of Lancaster (Heywood and Radcliffe Division), and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Savings Banks. Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a draft of an Order, entitled the Savings Banks (Limits of Annual and Aggregate Deposits) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Despatch, (Development and Welfare), dated 12th November 1945, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Colonial Governments.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report on the provision of employment in South Wales for persons suspended from the mining industry on account of silicosis and pneumoconiosis.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Exemption from purchase tax of wireless sets for the blind).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Temporary exemption from purchase tax of war memorials).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—was twice read and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 8 & 9 Geo. 6, c. 32, s. 8).—(Wing-Commander Robinson.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 42, l. 2, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(4) Where any expenditure has been incurred on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-five, in developing or re-equipping a trade or business, any sum used in or towards the recouping of that expenditure shall be deemed for the purposes of this Part of this Act to have been used in developing or re-equipping that trade or business and any undertakings given under this Part of this Act shall have effect accordingly."—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in l. 2, by leaving out the word " forty-five," and inserting the word " forty-one "—(Sir Arnold Gridley)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word " forty-five " stand part of the proposed Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 43, l. 8, by inserting, after the word " rings," the words " electric kettles."—(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

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:

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Several Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral Royal Assent, Sir Geoffrey Blake, R.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:

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Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Bill, in p. 247, by leaving out subsection (5).—(Mr. Hopkin Morris.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference for the Establishment of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (with related documents) signed at London on the 16th day of November, 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Aberdeen Corporation 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. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 7th December 1945, amending Regulation 18 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 7th December 1945, adding Regulation 54 to the Defence (Companies) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 7th December 1945, amending Regulation 4 of, and adding Regulations 8 and 9 to, the Defence (Trading with the Enemy) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 7th December 1945, entitled the Aliens (Defence) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 7th December 1945, entitled the Aliens (Defence) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 7th December 1945, entitled the National Service (Egypt) Revocation Order, 1945.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to Goods and Services (Price Control) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Douglas reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Trunk Roads Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended (in the Standing Committee), be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Bill 48.
Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

No. 38.

Message from the Lords.

Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

Police (Overseas Service) Bill.

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Bill.

Ordered, That the Lords to the Police (Overseas Service) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., have leave to make a Special Report.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the said Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

No. 39.

Statutory Rules and Orders, &c.

Sixth 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, together with so much of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them as related to the Order in Council, amending Regulation 42A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939: And the Report was brought up, and read, as follows:

Your Committee have considered the Potatoes (1945 Crop) (Charges) Order, 1945 (S. R. & O., 1945, No. 1493), a copy of which was presented on the 3rd day of this instant December, 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 Order in Council, amending Regulation 42A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 (S. R. & O., 1945, No. 1451), a copy of which was presented on the 16th day of November last, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to it, 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:

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Minutes be printed.

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

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, Finance Bill, 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 the Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. Clifton Brown, Speaker.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded Public Health to take into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) 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 an Amendment.

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

The Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Lord Advocate, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Local Government (Financial Provisions) (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 of the Whole House.

Ordered, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament towards local government expenses in Scotland of a further sum in addition to the General Exchequer Contribution payable under section fifty-three of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1929, in respect of each of three years and for the apportionment of such sum among the counties and large burghs of Scotland, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, of grants to local authorities in Scotland in respect of the year beginning on the sixteenth day of May nineteen hundred and forty-five and of each of the two following years, of such sums representing respectively Exchequer contributions of one million three hundred and seventy-five thousand pounds, one million five hundred and twelve thousand five hundred pounds and one million six hundred and fifty thousand pounds.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

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.

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Colonel Roper Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the National Service (Release of Conscientious Objectors) Bill in place of Mr. Burden.

[No. 58.]

Wednesday, 12th December, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 10th December 1945, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

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

No. 41.

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 East Grinstead Gas and Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Public Health (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Motion relating to the Anglo-American Financial and Economic Discussions be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for Two hours after a quarter past Nine of the clock.— (The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the financial arrangements between His Majesty’s Government and the Government of the United States, including the final settlement of lend-lease and other claims arising out of the war, as set out in Cmd. 6708; welcomes the initiative of the Government of the United States in making Proposals for an International Trade Organisation, ’Cmd. 6709, and approves the participation of His Majesty’s Government in the discussions proposed with a view to arriving at an international agreement upon the basis of the suggestions put forward; and approves the proposals for setting up an International Monetary Fund and an International Bank for Reconstruction and Development as set out in Cmd. 6540 of 1944.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—And a Debate arising thereupon;—

And, it being a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

(Mr. Mathers.)

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Notice was given this day that Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill was a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill would be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 59.]

Thursday, 13th December, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to India the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Proclamations issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935,— (1) on the 10th day of November 1945, by the Governor of Bengal, and (2) on the 20th day of November 1945, by the Governor of Bombay.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of a Scheme Government made by the Lincoln—Parts of Kesteven County Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Mr. Touche reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Bill 51.
Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Frank Anderson reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Standing Committee A.

Order, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Douglas Thomson reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills; That they had gone through the Water (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Standing Committee B.

Colonel Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Standing Committee C.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Mrs. Braddock, Mr. Callaghan, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Glanville, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Lee, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Percy Morris, Mr. Neal, Mr. Nield, Mr. Pargiter, Mr. Paton, Mr. Edward Porter, Mr. Studholme, Flight-Lieutenant Telling, Lieutenant-Colonel Walker-Smith, Mr. Henry White and Mr. Gerald Williams.

Standing Committee B.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the National Service (Release of Conscientious Objectors) Bill):—Mr. Bower, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Daves, Mr. George Brown, Mr. Richard Butler, Mr. Ness Edwards, Mr. Wilson Harris, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Simmons and Mr. Sorensen.

Standing Committee C.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Police Bill):—Mr. John Arden, Mr. Archibald had appointed in substitution Flight-Lieutenant Telling.

Standing Committee D.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D:—Mr. Allighan, Mr. Birns, Captain Blackburn, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Hadyon Davies, Mr. Stephen Davies, Lieutenant-Colonel Dozer, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hubbard, Sir John Jarvis, Mr. Joynton-Hicks, Mr. Logan, Sir Hugh Lucas Trenchard, Mr. Mach, Mr. Murray, Mr. Piratin, Mr. Turton and Mr. Wadsworth.

Standing Committee D.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the National Service (Release of Conscientious Objectors) Bill):—Mr. Bottemley, Mr. Bower, Major Boyd-Carpenter, Mr. Braddock, Mr. Brooks, Mr. George Brown, Mr. Ness Edwards, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Marlowe, Mr. Nield, Mr. George Porter, Brigadier Rayner, Mr. Kenneth, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Stamford, Mr. Ivor Owen Thomas, Mr. Wadsworth and Lieutenant-Colonel Walker-Smith.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Assurance Companies Bill):—Mrs. Castle; and had appointed in substitution Major Wyatt.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Second Reading of the Bretton Woods Agreement Bill, and of the Committee on Bretton Woods Agreements, be printed, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—Mr. Herbert Morrison.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the financial arrangements between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States, including the final settlement of Lend-Lease and other claims arising out of the war, as set out in Cm. 6708; welcomes the initiative of the Government of the United States in making "Proposals for an International Trade Organisation," Cm. 6709, and approves the participation of His Majesty's Government in the discussions proposed with a view to arriving at an international agreement upon the basis of the suggestions put forward; and approves the proposals for setting up an International Monetary Fund and an International Bank for Reconstruction and Development as set out in Cm. 6546 of 1944:

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. Collindridge: 345.

Tellers for the Noes, Squadron-Leader Hollis: 98.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House approves the financial arrangements between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States, including the final settlement of Lend-Lease and other claims arising out of the war, as set out in Cm. 6708; welcomes the initiative of the Government of the United States in making "Proposals for an International Trade Organisation," Cm. 6709, and approves the participation of His Majesty's Government in the discussions proposed with a view to arriving at an international agreement upon the basis of the suggestions put forward; and approves the proposals for setting up an International Monetary Fund and an International Bank for Reconstruction and Development as set out in Cm. 6546 of 1944.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bretton Woods Agreements Bill; and a Motion being made, the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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

Mr. Mathers, 
Mr. Pearson: 
Mr. Boothby, 
Squadron-Leader Hollis: 

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Bretton Woods Agreements [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 effect to be given to certain international agreements for the establishment and operation of an International Monetary Fund and an International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any subscriptions, compensation or other sums payable to, or to the members of, the said International Fund (hereinafter referred to as "the Fund") or the said International Bank (hereinafter referred to as "the Bank") under the said agreements and of any sums required for implementing any guarantee of the assets of the Fund against loss resulting from failure or default of a depositary designated by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom under the first of the said Agreements, and the raising of money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purposes of providing the sums paid as aforesaid;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by His Majesty's Government from the Fund or the Bank (other than sums received by reason of the operations of the Exchange Equalisation Account); 

(c) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer under the last preceding paragraph, and the application of the 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; 

(d) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums falling to be paid therefrom into the Exchange Equalisation Account by reason of any provision of the said Act authorising the payment out of the said Account of any charges payable to the Fund; and 

(e) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums payable under any notes or other obligations created and issued to the Fund or the Bank under the said agreements.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day transferred the Agriculture (Artificial Insemination) Bill from Standing Committee B to Standing Committee C.

[No. 60.]

Friday, 14th December, 1945.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords] was Wallasey read the third time, and passed, with Corporation Amendments. 

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Plympton St. Mary Rural District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Orders directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Increase). 

Regulations, dated 11th December 1945, entitled the Increase of Pensions (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1945. 

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

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copy of a Summary Report of Health.

the Ministry of Health for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Silkin, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Key, and Mr. Thomas Fraser, presented a Bill to amend the law as to the authorisation of the compulsory purchase of land for purposes for which the purchasing authority has power to purchase land compulsorily under existing existing circumstances to make temporary provision as to the procedure for the compulsory purchase of land as aforesaid in urgent cases; to provide for notifying purchases of war-damaged land to the War Damage Commission; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid—and the same was ordered to be read a second-time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

Mr. Lloyd George moved, That the Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Collindridge; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Young, Commander Agnew; So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Bretton Woods Agreements (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable to be given to certain international agreements for the establishment and operation of an International Monetary Fund and an International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any subscriptions, compensation or other sums payable to, or to the members of, the said International Fund (hereinafter referred to as "the Fund") or the said International Bank (hereinafter referred to as "the Bank") under the said agreements and of any sums required for implementing any guarantee of the said agreements and of any sums required for implementing any guarantee of the said agreements and of any sums, represented by notes or other obligations created and issued to the Fund or the Bank under the said agreements.

(b) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums paid into the Exchequer in respect of three years beginning on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, for the purposes of providing the Exchange Equalisation Account by reason of any provision of the said Act authorising the payment out of the said Account of any charges payable to the Fund; and

(c) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums payable under any notes or other obligations created and issued to the Fund or the Bank under the said agreements.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bretton Woods Agreements Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Financial Provisions). Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that no payment shall be made to compensate the Fund for a depreciation of the gold value of its holdings of sterling if such depreciation is a result of a devaluation or depreciation of sterling that has taken place without authorisation on the part of the Fund."—(Mr. Bebbody.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the payment out of the Exchequer in respect of three years of grants towards local-government expenses supplementary to the General Exchequer Contribution, for the making in certain contingencies of contributions by county councils towards such grants, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of grants to local authorities in respect of the years beginning on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-five, nineteen hundred and forty-six and nineteen hundred and forty-seven, of amounts representing Exchequer contributions of ten million pounds for the first year, eleven million pounds for the second year and twelve million pounds for the
third year, together with an amount for each year equal to the total of any sums required by the said Act to be contributed by county councils for making up the amounts of grants under the said Act for that year to the councils of areas within counties; and
(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums required by the said Act to be contributed as aforesaid by county councils. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Bill.

Clause No. 1 agreed to.
Clause No. 2 (Apportionment amongst counties and county boroughs).
Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 6, at the end, to add the words—
"(4) The Interim Supplementary Exchequer Contribution for any particular year shall not be payable to any county or county borough whose rate poundage did not exceed twelve shillings in that year and the total of the sums so withheld from such authorities in respect of that year shall be apportioned amongst those county or county boroughs whose rate poundage exceeded twelve shillings in that year on the basis prescribed in this section."

—(Mr. Bowen.)
Question That those words be there added, put, and negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 3 to 9 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That Mr. Henry Hynd be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts; and that Mr. Haworth be added to the Committee.

—(Mr. Mathers.)

Adjournment.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Bowles Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Agriculture (Artificial Insemination) Bill, and Mr. Watson Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.

No. 61.
Monday, 17th December, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communications to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Mr. Mathers, Member for the County of York, West Riding (Hemsworth Division), and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the Honourable Member.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the East Grinstead Gas and Water Bill, and the East Grinstead Gas and Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, Private Bills. That, in accordance with Standing Order 81 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.:

Bromborough Dock
City of London (Various Powers)
Clevedon and Yatton Gas
Leicester Corporation
London Midland and Scottish Railway
London Necropolis
Manchester Corporation
Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board
Nottingham Corporation
Rotherham Corporation
Rushden District Gas
Tynemouth

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command, Copy of an Agreement (No. 11, 1945) between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Danish Government relating to money and property situated in Denmark and the United Kingdom which have been subjected to special measures in consequence of the enemy occupation of Denmark, signed at London on the 6th day of December 1945.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the direction of Catering Wages an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1945, entitled the Wages Board (Unlicensed Residential Establishment) Order, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Accounts of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the year ended on the 1st day of July 1945.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Workmen's Compensation (Pneumoconiosis) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Building Materials and Housing Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Elections and Jurors 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 Wallasey Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Building Materials and Housing Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Elections and Jurors Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

William John Irving, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Tottenham (North Division), was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bank of England (re-committed) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Transfer of Bank stock to Treasury).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out subsection (3), and insert the words—

"(3) The Government stock shall be redeemed at par by the Treasury on the fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty-six."—(Sir John Mellor.)

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

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Consequential provisions as to constitution and powers of the Bank).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, to leave out the words "His Majesty," and insert the words "Order in Council."—(Lieutenant-Commander Gurney Braithwaite.)

Question put, That the words "His Majesty" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Pearson, Captain Bing; 
Mr. Studholme, Major Mott-Radclyffe; 
Mr. Simmons, 
Noes, 
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 
Mr. Pearson, 
Mr. Studdholme; 
Mr. Simmons.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Treasury direction to the Bank and relations of the Bank with other banks).

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

"Provided that every such direction shall be laid before Parliament within seven days after it has been made, and if not so laid, shall be void; and if the Commons House of Parliament within a period of forty days thereafter resolves that the direction be annulled, it shall cease to have effect, but without prejudice to anything previously done thereunder. In reckoning any period for the purpose of this subsection, no account shall be taken of any time during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued, or during which the Commons House of Parliament is adjourned for more than four days."—(Mr. Askeaton.)

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

An Amendment made.

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

"Provided that the Bank shall not issue any direction which limits the freedom of any banker to give or withhold credit to or from any class of customer."—(Captain Crookshank.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Drew, Commander Agnew; 
Mr. Drew, Captain Bing; 
Mr. Pearon, 
Mr. Stephens; 
Mr. Priestley, 
Mr. John Mellor;

Noes, 
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 
Mr. Pearson, 
Mr. Studdholme; 
Mr. Simmons.

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

"Provided that the Bank shall not issue any direction which would require a banker to issue or to subscribe for shares or purchase any asset or to sell any assets."—(Mr. Askeaton.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Drew, 
Mr. Studholme; 
Mr. Drew, 
Mr. John Mellor; 
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 
Mr. John Mellor; 
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 
Mr. Pearson, 
Mr. Studdholme; 
Mr. Simmons.

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

"Provided that every direction issued hereunder by the Bank to any banker together with the relative Treasury authority shall be laid before the Commons House of Parliament within seven days after it has been made and if not so laid shall be void and if the Commons House of Parliament within a period of forty days thereafter resolves that it be annulled it shall cease to have effect but without prejudice to anything previously done thereunder. In reckoning any period for the purpose of this subsection no account shall be taken of any time during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which the Commons House of Parliament is adjourned for more than four days."—(Captain Crookshank.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;
The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYSERS.

A Motion being made, That the Plympton Plympton St. Mary Rural District Council Bill [Lords] be now read the third time; the Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Copies of Orders, dated 6th December 1945, entitled—

(1) the General Apparel and Textiles (Wholesalers' and Retailers' Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1945, and

(2) the Women's and Maids' Outerwear (Manufacturers' Maximum Prices) Order, 1945.

Copy of Directions, dated 12th December 1945, entitled the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Outerwear) (No. 5) Directions, 1945.

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

Mr. Wilfred Paling, presented, by His Pensions. Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on Improvements in War Pensions.

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

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee Selection Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: Major Grey Lloyd; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Clifton-Brown.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had added the following fifteen Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Agriculture (Artificial Insemination) Bill):—Mr. Collick, Mr. Collins, Lieutenant-Colonel Corbett, Mr. Dye, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Gooch, Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. William Morrison, Mr. Paget, Colonel Ponsonby, Mr. Wilfred Roberts, Mr. Walker, Mr. Thomas Williams and Mr. York.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had added the following ten Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Assurance Companies Bill):—Mr. George Brown, Mr. Goodrich, Squadron-Leader Holis, Mr. Kinley, Brigadier Maclean, Sir John Millor, Mr. Montague, Mr. Morley, Mr. Nally and Major Renton.

Adjourment.
Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following fifteen Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill)—Mr. Belcher, Mr. Benson, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Herbert Butler, Captain Chetwynd, Mr. Edward Davies, Mr. Edward Evans, Mr. Stanley Evans, Mr. Grey, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Norman Smith and Mr. Sparks.

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 Bretton Woods Agreements Bill, without any Amendment.

Colonel Roper reported from Standing Committee D, that they had gone through the National Service (Release of Conscientious Objectors) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 22nd day of January next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. G. H. Hall, presented a Bill to facilitate the redistribution of functions between Ministers of the Crown and the alteration of the style and title of such Ministers; and to make further provision with respect to the Minister of Food, the Minister of Labour and National Service, the Minister of Transport, and the Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Miss Wilkinson, supported by Mr. Secretary Ede and Mr. Hardman, presented a Bill to amend and supplement the law relating to education, and to amend the law relating to the execution of the Public Libraries Acts, 1852 to 1919: 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. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Statutory Instruments Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Supplementary provisions as to publication)—(Mr. Solicitor General).

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 2, by inserting, after the word "date," the words "and time."—(Brigadier Low.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Clause:—It passed in the Negative.

And the proposed Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of statutory instrument)—(Mr. Hopkin Morris).

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 2, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—"(2) Every copy of any such statutory instrument produced by the King's Printer of Acts of Parliament shall bear on the face thereof a statement showing the date on which the statutory instrument came or will come into operation."—(Mr. Eric Fletcher.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 2, l. 1o, by leaving out from the word "shall," to the end of l. 11, and inserting the words "not come into operation until such a notification."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 21, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker shall thereafter inform the House of Lords and the House of Commons, respectively, that he has received such a notification."—(Mr. Molson.)

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 22, by inserting, after the word "instrument," the words "not being of the nature of a public Act."—(Mr. James Reid.)

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Building Restrictions (War-Time Contraventions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Power of entry)—(Mr. Key.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 16, by leaving out the words "as of right," and inserting the words "or requested"—(Mr. Williams) instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That the words "as of right" stand part of the proposed Clause;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yea.

Mr. Robert Taylor,

Mr. Simmons : 279.

Tellers for the Noe.

Mr. Dreyce,

Mr. Studholme : 126.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The proposed Clause was amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words—

"If any person who in compliance with the provisions of this section is admitted to a factory, workshop or workplace, discloses to any person any information obtained by him in the factory, workshop or workplace with regard to any manufacturing process or trade secret, he shall, unless such disclosure was made in the performance of his duty, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months"—(Mr. Willink)—and, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time ; Mr. Secretary Hall, 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.

Then the Amendments were made to the Bill.

The India (Proclamations of Emergency) Bill [Lords] 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 Tuesday the 22nd day of January next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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, and of his Proclamation varying the same issued on the 7th day of September, 1945, copies of which were presented on the 25th day of July, 1944, and the 9th day of October, 1945, respectively.—(Mr. Arthur Henderson.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Bill ; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Police (Overseas Service) Bill :

And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 12, leave out ("engages") and insert ("has engaged"), the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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

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

Wednesday, 19th December, 1945.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Armed Forces Command,—Paper entitled the Post-War Code of Pay, Allowances and Service Pensions and .

Gratuities for Members of the Forces below Officer Rank.

Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Government Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of October 1945, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th December 1945, entitled the Teachers' Salaries (Scotland) Regulations, 1945.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th December 1945, revoking the Removal of Offices (Business Names and Limited Partnerships) Order, 1940.

Copy of an Order, dated 11th December 1945, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 7) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper relative to the terms of reference of a tribunal for fixing the compensation to be made for assets transferred to the National Coal Board.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th December 1945, entitled the Railways (Notice of Accidents) Modification (Revocation) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1945, entitled the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acquisition and Disposal of Motor Vehicles (Revocation) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1945, entitled the Public Utility Undertakings Police (Employment and Offences) (Revocation) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Viant reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 24th day of August last, the 4th and 21st days of November last, and the 6th day of this instant December, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Plymouth St. Mary Rural District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Shinwell, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Sir Stafford Cripps presented a Bill to establish public ownership and control of the coal-mining industry and certain allied activities; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Message from the Lords.

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. Herbert Morrison.)

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow at Eleven of the clock; that no Questions be the House, taken after Twelve of the clock, and that at Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House without a Question first put.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 22nd day of January next.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded Bank of to take into consideration the Bank of England Bill, as amended on recommittal.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 39, by leaving out the words "other charters," and inserting the words "statutory instruments"—(Captain Crosskirk)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "other charters" 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. 3, l. 4, by inserting after the word "Bank," the words "including the management of any funds operated on behalf of the staff of the Bank."—(Captain Crosskirk.)

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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 16, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words—"No person shall be prohibited from disclosing the terms of any direction issued under this subsection provided that it shall be lawful to prohibit such disclosure for a period not exceeding three months if the First Lord of the Treasury certifies that such prohibition is necessary in the public interest."—(Lieutenant-Colonel Birch.)

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Joseph Henderson, 366.

Captain Stewart:

Tellers for the Noes,

Commander Agnew, 126.

Mr. Stadholme:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

Resolved, That no proceedings in this House during the last Parliament held in Secret Session be any longer secret.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)
The House was moved, That the Order made upon the 18th day of June 1942 in the last Parliament relative to the Report to be made from the Committee of Privileges on the Matter of the Complaint referred to their consideration on the 5th day of May 1942, which Report was made upon the 23rd day of June 1942, might be read; and the same being read, as follows:

That in the case of the Report to be made from the Committee of Privileges on the matter of the Complaint referred to their consideration on the 5th day of May last following the provisions shall apply:—

(1) Notwithstanding anything in the Fourteenth Resolution reported from the Select Committee on Printed Papers on 16th July 1835, and agreed to by the House on 13th August 1835, the Report and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee, if reported, shall be printed for the use of Members only;

(2) Not more than six hundred and fifteen copies shall be printed;

(3) Any Member, or any other person, who discloses, or purports to disclose, the contents of the Report, or the Proceedings of, or the Evidence taken before, the Committee, or any portion, or the substance thereof, except in a Secret Session of this House and thereafter to such extent as the House may in Secret Session have determined, shall be guilty of a breach of the privileges of this House;

(4) The printed copies of the Report shall be numbered and placed in envelopes bearing a corresponding number, which shall be sealed and delivered to the Vote Office;

(5) Every Member shall be entitled to obtain a copy of the Report on applying personally at the Vote Office and giving a receipt for the same;

(6) When the consideration of the Report by the House has been concluded Members shall return their copies of the Report to the Vote Office under cover, such cover to bear the number of the copy of the Report therein contained;

(7) The Clerk of the House shall preserve two copies of the Report and cause the remainder to be destroyed.

Ordered, That so much of the Order as relates to the disclosure, or purport to disclose, of the contents of the Report, or of the Proceedings of, or evidence taken before, the Committee in reference to such complaint, or any portion or the substance thereof, be discharged.

—[Mr. Herbert Morrison.]

Ordered, That the Report (without the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee) be reprinted.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Building Materials and Housing Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 8, l. 46, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 8, l. 46, leave out ('twelve') and insert ('fifteen'), the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment 'was to supply an omission to the Bill, the same was agreed to.

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(2) dated 11th December 1945, entitled the Gloves (No. 9) Directions, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 8th December 1945, entitled the Furniture (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (No. 9) Order, 1945.

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

- Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order dated 13th December 1945, entitled the Control of Employment (Advertisements) (Revocation) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1945, entitled the Regulation of Traffic (Regulated Areas Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10) (Revocation) Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Standing Committee on Selection, That they had discharged the Scotland Bill).

Mr. Benson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Scott-Elliot.

National Insurance Bill.

Bill 63.

Mr. James Griffiths, supported by Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Lindgren, presented a Bill to establish an extended system of national insurance providing pecuniary payments by way of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit, maternity benefit, retirement pension, widows’ benefit, guardian’s allowance and death grant, to repeal or amend the existing enactments relating to unemployment insurance, national health insurance, widows’, orphans’ and old age contributory pensions and non-contributory old age pensions, to provide for the making of payments towards the cost of a national health service, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid:

And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of January next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put:

PRAYERS.

The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:—

Gilbert James Heathcote-Drummond, Esquire, commonly called Lord Willoughby de Eresby, for the County of the Parts of Kesteven and Rutland (Rutland and Stamford Division).

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the deaths of Francis Beattie, Esquire, Member for the Burgh of Glasgow (Cathcart Division); and Miss Eleanor Rathbone, Member for the University of Durham, the Victoria University of Manchester, the University of Liverpool, the University of Leeds, the University of Sheffield, the University of Birmingham, the University of Bristol and the University of Reading, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Members.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Writs issued he had issued, during the Adjournment, during the Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown to make
out new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Ayr and Bute (South Ayrshire Division), in the room of Alexander Sloan, Esquire, deceased; and for the Borough of Preston, in the room of John William Sunderland, Esquire, deceased.

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

- Banbury Corporation
- Birmingham Corporation
- Cardiff Corporation
- Cheshire County Council
- High Wycombe Corporation
- Lancashire County Council
- Long Eaton Urban District Council
- Northum Power
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Portsmouth Corporation
- Tees Conservancy
- Yorktown (Camberley) and District Gas and Electricity

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

- Breconshire County Council
- Bromborough Dock
- City of London (Various Powers)
- Cleveland and Yatton Gas
- Leicester Corporation
- London Midland and Scottish Railway
- London Necropolis
- Manchester Corporation
- Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board
- Nottingham Corporation
- Northwich Corporation
- Ruspiden District Gas
- Tyne Tunnel

The Order made upon the 16th day of August last, That the Wisbech Water Bill do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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 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 the prolongation of existing arrangements regarding Egyptian foreign exchange requirements.
- Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and Greece, for Air Services in Europe (with annex and notes exchanged), signed at Athens on the 26th day of November 1945.


Copy of a Statement of Policy on the future constitution of the proposed Malayan Union and Singapore.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Isle of Man, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of Revenue and Expenditure in respect of the Duties of the Customs of the Isle of Man, and Accounts of the Accumulated Fund, and of Passenger Tax and Harbour Dues, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Regulations, dated 20th December. 1945, entitled the Manufacture of Spirit Regulations, 1945.

Copies of two Treasury Minutes, dated 7th January 1946, 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 Ministry of Food.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Navy Accounts.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Air Services Accounts.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, Class I-X, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, 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 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon Revenue and certain Store Accounts.

Copies of Regulations, dated 20th December. 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Appropriation Accounts and the Paper relative to Government Departments (Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol amending the International Agreement of the 8th day of June 1937 and the Protocol of the 24th day of June 1938 for the Regulation of Whaling (with Final Act of Conference thereon), done at London on the 26th day of November 1945 (the Protocol has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report as to the Expulsion, Registration and Prohibition Orders made under the
22nd January. 1946.

Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of December 1945.

Copies of Regulations, dated 20th December 1945, entitled—
(1) the National Fire Service (Preservation of Pensions) (Police Firemen) (No. 2) Regulations, 1945, and
(2) the National Fire Service (Preservation of Pensions) (Act of 1925) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 8th January 1946, entitled the Local Elections (Supplementary Provisions) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1945, entitled the Police (Employment and Offences) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

Copies of Rules, dated 21st December 1945, entitled—
(1) the Police War Reserve (No. 2) Rules, 1945, and
(2) the Women’s Auxiliary Police Corps (No. 2) Rules, 1945.

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

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Amendment, dated 22nd December 1945, to the Legislative Assembly Electoral Rules.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Grant Regulations (Scotland), 1945.

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 213 (No. 42 of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen) (Regulations as to the Finances of the University, Repeal and Amendment of Ordinances).

Copy of Regulations, dated 15th December 1945, entitled the Town and Country Planning Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1945.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, entitled the Air Navigation (Amendment) (Ministry of Civil Aviation) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, entitled the Port of London Authority (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1945.

Copy of Orders in Council,—
(1) dated 20th December 1945, entitled the Great Torrington Commons Conservators (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1945, and
(2) dated 10th January 1946, revoking the British Overseas Airways Corporation (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1943.

Copy of Orders in Council, dated 20th December 1945, entitled,—
(1) the Diplomatic Privileges (the Transport Organisation Amendment) Order in Council, 1945, and

Copy of Orders in Council, dated 20th December 1945,—
(1) revoking and amending certain Defence Regulations, and
(2) revoking the Order in Council, dated 16th November 1945, amending Regulation 42CA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Services for Industry) Regulations, 1945.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, entitled the Emergency Powers (Guernsey) (No. 2) Order in Council, 1945.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, entitled the Commissioners of Works Act, 1852 (Amendment) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, relative to the payment of War Gratuities.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, entitled the Special Constables Order (No. 2), 1945.

Copy of Orders in Council, dated 20th December 1945, with respect to,—
(1) Defence Regulations relating to Shipping,
(2) Defence Regulations relating to Requisitioning and similar Powers,
(3) Defence Regulations relating to Mines and Quarries,
(4) Defence Regulations relating to the Control of Industry,
(5) Defence Regulations relating to Control of Building Operations, &c.,
(6) Defence Regulations relating to the Control of Employment and Conditions of Employment,
(7) Defence Regulations relating to Agriculture and Fisheries,
(8) Defence Regulations relating to Housing,
(9) Defence Regulations relating to the Control of Transport,
(10) Defence Regulations relating to Miscellaneous Matters,
(11) Defence Regulations relating to General Matters,
(12) the Defence (Bodies Corporate and Trade Unions) Regulations, 1949,
(13) the Defence (Encouragement of Exports) Regulations, 1940,
(14) the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939,
(15) the Defence (Local Government) (Scotland), Regulations, 1939, and

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Directions—
(1) dated 15th December 1945, entitled the Utility Apparel (Men’s and Boys’ Shirts, Underwear and Nightwear) (No. 7) Directions, 1945,
(2) dated 17th December 1945, entitled the Utility Apparel (Infants’ and Girls’ Wear) (Amendment) Directions, 1945,
(3) dated 31st December 1945, entitled the Footwear (Supply, Marking and Manufacturers’ Prices) (No. 2) Directions, 1945,
and
(4) dated 14th January 1946, entitled the Upholstery Cloth (Utility) (No. 5) Directions, 1946.
Copy of a General Licence, dated 17th December 1945, in respect of the supply of certain Rubber and Industrial Boots.
Copy of a General Licence, dated 17th December 1945, in respect of the supply of Substandard Rubber Boots and Wooden Soled Rubber Boots.
Copy of an Order, dated 2nd January 1946, entitled the Furniture (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (No. 10) Order, 1946.
Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1945, revoking certain orders relating to the Location of Retail Businesses.

Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 13th December 1945, entitled the General Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges and Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Order, 1945,
(2) dated 18th December 1945, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 7) Order, 1945,
(3) dated 21st December 1945, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 8) Order, 1945,
(4) dated 31st December 1945, entitled the Utility Footwear (Maximum Prices Order), 1945,
(5) dated 31st December 1945, entitled the Wool Yarn and Wool Cloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1945,
(6) dated 31st December 1945, entitled the General Footwear (Maximum Prices Order) 1945, and
(7) dated 11th January 1946, entitled the Rubber Footwear (Maximum Prices Order) 1946.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Directions—
(1) dated 15th December 1945, entitled the Control of Engagement (Amendment) Order, 1945,
(2) dated 17th December 1945, entitled the Bakehouses (Employment on the Sunday before Christmas) Order, 1945,
(3) dated 18th December 1945, entitled the Disabled Persons (General Regulations, 1945,
(4) dated 19th December 1945, entitled the Disabled Persons (Standard Percentage) Order, 1945.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilmoth presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 21st December 1945, entitled the Control of Cotton Industry (No. 58) Order, 1945,
(2) dated 21st December 1945, entitled the Control of Cotton Industry (No. 59) Order, 1945,
(3) dated 21st December 1945, entitled the Control of Cotton Industry (No. 60) Order, 1945,
(4) dated 10th January 1946, entitled the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 61) Order, 1946,
(5) dated 15th January 1946, entitled the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 62) Order, 1946, and
(6) dated 15th January 1946, entitled the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 63) Order, 1946.
Copy of an Order, dated 7th January 1946, entitled the Control of Diamond Wire-drawing Dies (No. 2) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 22nd December 1945, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 46) Order, 1945,
(2) dated 29th December 1945, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 47) Order, 1945,
(3) dated 31st December 1945, entitled the Control of Molasses and Industrial Alcohol (No. 19) Order, 1945,
(4) dated 2nd January 1946, entitled the Control of Paper (No. 71) Order, 1946, and
(5) dated 10th January 1946, entitled the Control of Non-Ferrous Metals (No. 20) (Copper, Lead and Zinc) Order, 1946.

Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 22nd December 1945, entitled the Control of Bolts, Nuts, Screws, Screw Studs, Washers and Rivets (No. 9) Order, 1945,
(2) dated 29th December 1945, entitled the Control of Bolts, Nuts, Screws, Screw Studs, Washers and Rivets (No. 10) Order, 1945, and
(3) dated 14th January 1946, entitled the Control of Textile Bags (No. 2) Order, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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

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

(1) Tipton Borough Council. 
(2) Northumberland County Council. 
(3) Swindon Borough Council.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th December, entitled the Northampton (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1945.

Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd January, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1946.

Copy of Regulations, dated 9th January, entitled the Kensington (Acute Rheumatism) Regulations, 1946.

Copy of Rules framed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, entitled the Assistant Nurses Rules, 1945.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the Emergency directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Powers (Defence) Order, dated 17th December, entitled the Control of Benzole and Allied Products (No. 2) Order, 1945. 

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

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the Town and Country directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Papers, dated 21st December, entitled the Town and Country Planning Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1945.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the Seamen’s directions of several Acts of Parliament,—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, 1944, and of the Interest thereon.

Copy of the Thirty-sixth Annual Report, with Accounts, of the Port of London Authority for the year ended the 31st day of March, 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:—

Copy of a Report to the Lord Chancellor, Lunacy of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen and the Number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics between the 1st day of April, 1945 and the 30th day of September, 1945.
Copy of a Return to the Lord Chancellor showing the Number of Visits made, and the Number of Patients seen by the several Commissioners of the Board of Control during the six months ended the 31st day of December 1945.

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Postal and Telegraphic Censorship Department, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Account of the Sugar Industry Research and Education Fund showing the Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

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

Account of the Land Fertility (Research) Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Provision as to notice to quit served after reference to tribunal),—(Mr. Bevan)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 4, l. 18, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(e) for enabling the tribunal to award to any party reasonable personal expenses in any case where the tribunal is satisfied that he has been vexatiously treated in the course of the proceedings by any other party to the reference."

—(Mr. Willink.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Yeas,

Major Mott-Radclyffe: 127,

Mr. Joseph Henderson:

Tellers for the Noes,

Captain Bing: 261.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

The Local Government (Financial Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the National Service (Release of Conscientious Objectors) 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the India (Proclamations of Emergency) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Commencement and transitional provision).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out the words "any law," and insert the words "paragraph (xxiv) of subsection (2) of section two of the Defence of India Act, 1939, or of any."—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 33, at the end, to insert the words, "but not so as to render any party to whom any damages or compensation have been awarded and paid under such proceedings liable to repay the same."—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported. 

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

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

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

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

Mr. Collingridge reported from the Committee on Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament towards local government expenses in Scotland of a further sum in addition to the General Exchequer Contribution payable under section fifty-three of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1925, in respect of an of three years and for the apportionment of such sum
among the counties and large burghs of Scotland, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, of grants to local authorities in Scotland in respect of the year beginning on the sixteenth day of May nineteen hundred and forty-five and of each of the two following years, of amounts representing respectively Exchequer contributions of one million three hundred and seventy-five thousand pounds, one million five hundred and twelve thousand six hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

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

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

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

[No. 66.]

Wednesday, 23rd January, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bevan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Mortlake Crematorium 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. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Advisory Council on Education in Scotland, on Training of Teachers.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Eighty-ninth Annual Report of the Registrar-General for Scotland (for 1943). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made on the application of the March Gas and Coke Company Limited.

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

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Miss Bacon and Brigadier Peto; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Braddock and Mr. Osborne.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Assurance Companies Bill):—Major Wyatt; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Belcher.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary Bevin, and Mr. Glenvil Hall, presented a Bill to Bill 64.

provide for the regulation of the borrowing and raising of money, the issue of securities, and the circulation of offers of securities for subscription, sale or exchange, to enable the Treasury to guarantee loans in certain circumstances, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Investment (Control and Guarantees) Bill and the Draft of an Order proposed to be made under Clause 2 thereof.

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

Mr. Isaacs, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary Bevin, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Edé, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Attorney General, the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to repeal the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Act, 1927, and to restore all enactments and rules of law thereby affected: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 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. Whiteley.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the proposed Amendment to Clause No. 4, p. 3, l. 18, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Edé.—(Mr. Secretary Edé.)

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. 4 amended, and agreed to.

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

Several Amendments were made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 19, col. 3, by inserting the words, "No new byelaws shall be made."—(Mr. William Morrison.)

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

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 43, col. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"Paragraph (2) shall be omitted and there shall be substituted '(2) No room in any premises shall be required by a billeting notice to be devoted exclusively to the accommodation of any person if that room is reasonably required by the occupier and any question whether such room is reasonably required shall be determined by a tribunal constituted as hereinbefore provided.'"

—(Mr. James Reid.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The Yeas divided.

The Noes to the Right.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Major Mott Radcliffe: 120.

Mr. Pearson: 266.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 43, col. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"In paragraph (9) the words from 'paragraph' to the end shall be omitted and there shall be substituted 'and if the tribunal upon hearing the complaint is satisfied that the operation of the billeting notice would cause hardship to the person aggrieved the tribunal shall cancel or vary the billeting notice as may be necessary to avoid such hardship.'"

—(Mr. James Reid.)

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. 14, by leaving out l. 41 to 43.—(Mr. William Morrison.)

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. 14, l. 62, col. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " and for the word 'person,' where it second occurs, there shall be substituted 'police constable.'"

—(Mr. James Reid.)

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.

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PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his
Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make
out a new Writ for the electing of a Member
to serve in this present Parliament for the
Burgh of Glasgow (Cathcart Division) in the
room of Francis Beattie, Esquire, deceased.—
(Sir Arthur Young.)

Glasgow
Burgh
(Cathcart
Division) Writ.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's
Command,—Estimate of the further Sums
required to be voted for the service of the
year ending on the 31st day of March 1946.

Civil Estimates
(Supplementary
Estimate, 1945).
No. 56.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Receipts into, and Payments out
of, the Road Fund in the year ended the 31st
of March 1945, with the Report of the
Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

ORDERED, That the said Estimate be referred
to the Committee of Supply, and be printed ;
and that the said Account do lie upon the
Table.

Road Fund.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of
Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on the 16th
day of July 1945, amending the Statutes of the
College.

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

Universities
of
Oxford
and
Cambridge.

Mr. Bevan 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 Super-
annuation Act, 1937 :-
(1) Peterborough City Council.
(2) Portland Urban District Council.

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

Local
Government
Super-
annuation.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1946, entitled
the Railways (Sheeting of Traffic) (Revocation)
Order, 1946.

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

Emergency
Powers
(Defence)
(Railways).

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1946, entitled
the Control of Building Operations (No. 6)
Order, 1946.

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

Supplies and
Services
(Transitional
Powers)
(Control
of
Building
Operations),

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 27th January 1946, entitled
the Various Industries (Silicosis) Amendment
Scheme, 1946.

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

Workmen's
Compensation.

Mr. John Hynd presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Rules, dated 31st December 1945, entitled the
Chancery of Lancaster Rules, 1945.

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

Agriculture
(Artificial
Insemination).

Mr. Bowles reported from Standing Com-
mittee C, That they had gone through the
Artificial Insemination Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

ORDERED, That the Bill, as amended in the
Standing Committee, be taken into con-
sideration upon Thursday next.

ORDERED, That the Minutes of the Proceedings
of the Committee be printed.

No. 57.

Mr. Watson reported from the Standing
Committee on Scottish Bills, That they had
gone through the Local Government (Financial
Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, and directed him to
report the same, without Amendment.

ORDERED, That the Bill, not amended in the
Standing Committee, be taken into con-
sideration upon to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Minutes of the Proceedings
of the Committee be printed.

Sir Robert Young reported from the Select
Committee on Procedure, That they had
made further Progress in the matters to them
referred, and directed him to make a Report
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.

ORDERED, That the Proceedings on the Motion being put, That this House approves
relating to Civil Aviation 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. Herbert Morrison.]
Ministers and their secretaries, officers and servants.—(Mr. Herbert 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 upon Monday next.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 69.]

Monday, 28th January, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Greek Loan Command, — Account of Moneys paid out of the Consolidated Fund under the Acts 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan which was guaranteed by this Country under the authority of the said Acts, and of the Amount repaid by the Greek Government on account of the same, up to the 31st day of December 1945.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Double Taxation Relief, (Estate Duty) (U.S.A.) Order, 1946, and (3) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (France) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Air Force, directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copies of Orders, dated 8th January 1946—

(1) 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 (and Edition), and

(2) making special provision with regard to the deduction of qualifying allotment from an airman's pay.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Rating, directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Provisional Rules, dated 16th January 1946, entitled the Rating and Valuation Act (Product of Rates and Precepts) Amendment Rules, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Emergency Powers (Defence) (Road Vehicles and Drivers).  Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd January 1946, entitled the Emergency Powers (Defence) Road Vehicles and Drivers (Amendment) Order, 1946. 

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

Education. Miss Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th January 1946, entitled the Contributions between Local Education Authorities (Period for Claims) Regulations, 1946.

Copies of Provisional Regulations, dated 17th January 1946, entitled—

(1) the Education (Local Education Authority) Grant Provisional Amending Regulations, 1946, and (2) the Training of Teachers Provisional Amending Regulations, 1946. 

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

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Wood Fuel Prices). Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd January 1946, entitled the Wood Fuel Prices (Wholesale) Order, 1946.

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

Town and Country Planning. Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st January 1946, entitled the North Riding Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1946.

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

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

Copy of all the Applications made by the First Lord of the Treasury or the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England and for Advances to Government authorised by Parliament, from the 6th day of January 1945 to the 5th day of January 1946, with a Copy of the Minutes of the Court of Directors thereon and the Answers of the said Court thereto.

Bank of England. Account of the Amount of all Exchequer Bills, and other Government Securities, which have been purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or on which any Sum or Sums have been lent and advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1946: Also, 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 1945, the 4th day of July 1945, the 4th day of October 1945 and the 4th day of January 1946.

Account of the Unemployment Insurance No. 62.

Ordered, That the Accounts of the Unemployment Fund be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Trade and Navigation, Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for each month during the year 1946.—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Water (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Provisions as to orders subject to special parliamentary procedure).—(The Lord Advocate)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 18, by leaving out from the word "by", to the end of l. 19, and inserting the words "any person appearing to him to have an interest"—(Major Ramsay)— 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 Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that in the case of a factory within the meaning of the Factories Act, 1937, where the local authority or the dean of guild court, as the case may be, are satisfied that it would, in the particular circumstances be unreasonable to require a supply of wholesome water to be provided for all domestic purposes, they may with the approval of the Secretary of State deem it a sufficient compliance with the requirements of this section if adequate provision is made for a sufficient supply of wholesome water in pipes for drinking, washing and cooking purposes and for a sufficient supply of suitable water in pipes for central heating and sanitary purposes."—(Colonel Thornton-Kensley.)

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 Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. Haydn Davies and Captain Marsden be added to the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons).—(Mr. Mathers.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 29th January, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 214 (No. 49 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Abolition of the Chair of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology).

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented,—Return to an Order dated the 28th day of this instant January, for a Return relative to Trade and Navigation.

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

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd January, 1946, entitled the Miscellaneous Goods (Prohibition of Manufacture and Supply) (No. 8) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the East Barnet Urban District Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Colonel Ropner reported from Standing Committee D; That they had gone through the Assurance Companies Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Second Reading of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for Two hours after a quarter past Nine of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Industry Nationalisation 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. Robert Taylor.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

PRAYERS.

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

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

Wednesday, 30th January, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 19th January 1946, entitled the Woven Non-Wool Cloth (Manufacture and Supply) (Consolidation) Directions, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th January 1946, revoking the Location of Industry (Restrictions) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th January 1946, revoking the Reconditioned Service Clothing (No. 2) Order, 1943.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st January 1946, entitled the Toys and Indoor Games (Maximum Prices and Records) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the South East Essex Superannuation Joint Committee and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of a Committee on Higher Agricultural Education.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and his Proceedings in 1945, under the General Pier and Harbour Acts, 1861 to 1915.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th January 1946, entitled—
(1) the Family Allowances (Making of Claims and Payments) Regulations, 1946,
(2) the Family Allowances (Qualifications) Regulations, 1946, and
(3) the Family Allowances (References) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Accounts of (a) the Sums received into and paid out of the Tithe Redemption Accounts, (b) the Advances to that Account from the Consolidated Fund, (c) the Redemption Stock issued, and (d) Redemption Stock Sinking Fund, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed yesterday, That the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill be now read a second time:

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words, "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which, while setting up a State monopoly in the production of Coal, suggests no immediate action to arrest the decline in the output of Coal and the increase in its cost of production or to restore our export trade in Coal to the levels reached under Free Enterprise; contains no policy for the recruitment of Labour to the Mines or for governing the relations between workers and managers on the one hand and the Coal Board and the Minister on the other hand; offers no statutory safeguard to employees of the industry against being adversely affected by the change of ownership; provides neither a fair method of compensation nor the opportunity to reinvest the proceeds of compensation in new productive enterprise; fails to provide for the publication of adequate reports and accounts or their submission to Parliamentary scrutiny; and affords no real protection to the general public either as domestic and industrial consumers or as taxpayers."—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings in the Committee on Coal Industry Nationalisation [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The following Accounts, pursuant to the said Standing Order, are laid before the House:

(a) the Sums received into, and paid out of, the Stock Sinking Fund, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(b) the Advances to that Account from the Consolidated Fund.

31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Shinwell, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Coal Industry Nationalisation [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.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish public ownership and control of the coal-mining industry and certain allied activities (in this Resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to give the following authorisations, that is to say:—

A. To authorise the charging on the Consolidated Fund of the principal and interest of stock to be issued under provisions of the Act for any of the following purposes, and the issuing thereout of money payments to be made under provisions of the Act for any of those purposes, that is to say:—

(i) making compensation for the transfer of interests by the Crown, or by bodies administering central selling schemes under Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, such compensation being, in so far as it is made in respect of value of transferred interests which is determined under the said Act to be attributable to their usefulness for activities relevant to district wages ascertainment, of an aggregate amount fixed, in accordance with terms of reference which have been agreed between the Minister of Fuel and Power (in this Resolution referred to as "the Minister") and the Mining Association of Great Britain, by a tribunal constituted as so agreed;

(ii) making compensation in respect of increased expenses due to the severance of transferred interests from other assets;

(iii) making refunds of expenses which, in accordance with the authorisation in that behalf which has been given by the Minister, have been incurred on capital account by colliery concerns or subsidiaries thereof since the first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-five, for the provision or improvement of things interests in which are transferred;

(iv) making, by way of interim income pending satisfaction of such compensation as aforesaid, additions to such compensation, or, in the case of compensation to colliery concerns or subsidiaries thereof, making, by way of interim income for two years from such date as the Minister may appoint for the transfer of interests that are to be transferred without option to the contrary, payments by reference to the profits or gains of such concerns
or subsidiaries or to their output of coal disposable commercially;
(v) fulfilling any agreement made between the Treasury and the National Debt Commissioners for the exchange of Coal Commission Stock for stock of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom;
(vi) making compensation for the transfer under the Act of certain interests of bodies administering central selling schemes under Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1939; subject to provision for the making by the National Coal Board to be established under the Act of payments to the Minister by way of recouping the Crown expenses and liabilities incurred by virtue of the provisions aforesaid.

B. To authorise the issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of advances to the said Board of sums not exceeding in the aggregate, in the case of sums advanced at any time within five years from the commencement of the Act, one hundred and fifty million pounds, subject to provision for the making by the said Board of payments to the Minister of interest on such advances and in repayment thereof.

C. To authorise the charging on and issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of expenses in connection with the issue, repayment and management of stock issued as aforesaid or of stock issued in exchange for any such stock; and to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing sums required in order to redeem stock issued as mentioned in this Resolution, or for the purpose of providing sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund of expenses therein mentioned or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued, to raise money in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939.

D. To authorise the payment into the Exchequer of—
(a) payments to be made as aforesaid by the said Board to the Minister; and
(b) receipts of the Minister arising from any provision made by the Act for the transfer to him of assets of the Mining Research (Safety and Health) Endowment Fund and of property held therewith:

and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer representing such payments as aforesaid 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.

E. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses incurred by the Minister in the payment of—
(a) remuneration and allowances to the members, clerks, officers and staff of consumers' councils established under the Act, and expenses of such councils;
(b) remuneration and allowances to the members, clerks, officers and staff of valuation boards or any panel of referees established under the Act and to accountants employed for the purposes of determinations thereunder, expenses of such boards or of such a referee, and expenses of the Minister in connection with reviews by such referees;
(c) costs incurred by any persons in, or in connection with, the ascertaining, verifying and recording of particulars of interests to be transferred under the Act and the valuation of interests transferred and their arrangement and allocation for that purpose;
(d) costs of proceedings falling to be borne by any such valuation board or referee or by the Minister and of expenses incurred by the Minister of securing the prosecution by himself or others of research into methods of advancing the safety and promoting the health of persons employed in or about coal mines.—{Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Thursday, 31st January, 1946:

Amendment proposed, in l. 25, to leave out from the word "fixed", to the word "by", in l. 30.—{Mr. James Reid.)

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson, Yeas, Mr. Simmons: {286.

Tellers for the Major Mott-Radclyffe, Noes, Commander Agnew: {144.

Another Amendment proposed in l. 46, to leave out from the word "compensation", to the end of the sub-paragraph.—{Mr. James Reid.)

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas, Captain Stewart: {282.

Tellers for the Mr. Drew, Noes, Mr. Studholme: {139.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas, Captain Stewart: {286.

Tellers for the Mr. Drew, Noes, Mr. Studholme: {140.

Another Amendment proposed in l. 69, to leave out the word "Minister," and insert the word "Treasury".—(Captain Crookshank.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 69, to leave out the words "by way of recouping," and insert the words "sufficient to recoup."—(Captain Crookshank.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Collindridge, 278.
Yeas, 278.

Tellers for the Sir Arthur Young, 135.
Noes, 135.

Main Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Collindridge, 272.
Yeas, 272.

Tellers for the Sir Arthur Young, 132.
Noes, 132.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish public ownership and control of the coal-mining industry and certain allied activities (in this Resolution referred to as “the Act”), it is expedient to give the following authorisations, that is to say:

A. To authorise the charging on the Consolidated Fund of the principal and interest of stock to be issued under provisions of the Act for any of the following purposes, and the issuing thereout of money payments to be made under provisions of the Act for any of those purposes, that is to say:

(i) making compensation for the transfer of interests thereunder (other than interests of bodies administering central selling schemes under Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930), such compensation being, in so far as it is made in respect of value of transferred interests which is determined under the said Act to be attributable to their usefulness for activities relevant to district wages ascertainments, of an aggregate amount fixed, in accordance with terms of reference which have been agreed between the Minister of Fuel and Power (in this Resolution referred to as “the Minister”) and the Mining Association of Great Britain, by a tribunal constituted as so agreed;

(ii) making compensation in respect of increased expenses due to the severance of transferred interests from other assets;

(iii) making refunds of expenses which, in accordance with the authorisation in that behalf which has been given by the Minister, have been incurred on capital account by colliery concerns or subsidiaries thereof since the first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-five, for the provision or improvement of things interests in which are transferred;

(iv) making, by way of interim income pending satisfaction of such compensation as aforesaid, additions to such compensation, or, in the case of compensation to colliery concerns or subsidiaries thereof, making, by way of interim income for two years from such date as the Minister may appoint for the transfer of interests that are to be transferred without option to the contrary, payments by reference to the profits or gains of such concerns or subsidiaries, or to their output of coal disposable commercially;

(v) fulfilling any agreement made between the Treasury and the National Debt Commissioners for the exchange of Coal Commission Stock for stock of His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom;

(vi) making compensation for the transfer under the Act of certain interests of bodies administering central selling schemes under Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930;

subject to provision for the making by the National Coal Board to be established under the Act of payments to the Minister by way of recoupment of Crown expenses and liabilities incurred by virtue of the provisions aforesaid.

B. To authorise the issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of advances to the said Board of sums not exceeding in the aggregate, in the case of sums advanced at any time within five years from the commencement of the Act, one hundred and fifty million pounds, subject to provision for the making by the said Board of payments to the Minister of interest on such advances and in repayment thereof.

C. To authorise the charging on and issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of expenses in connection with the issue, repayment and management of stock issued as aforesaid or of stock issued in exchange for any such stock; and to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing sums required in order to redeem stock issued as so mentioned in this Resolution, or for the purpose of providing sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund as therein mentioned or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued, to raise money in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1930.

D. To authorise the payment into the Exchequer of—

(a) payments to be made as aforesaid by the said Board to the Minister; and

(b) receipts of the Minister arising from any provision made by the Act for the transfer to him of assets of the Mining Research (Safety and Health) Endowment Fund and of property held therewith;

and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer representing such payments as aforesaid 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.

E. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Minister in the payment of—

(a) remuneration and allowances to the members, clerks, officers and staff of consumers’ councils established under the Act, and expenses of such councils;

(b) remuneration and allowances to the members, clerks, officers and staff of valuation boards or any panel of referees established under the Act and to accountants employed for the purposes of determining the expenses of such boards or of such a referee, and expenses of the Minister in connection with reviews by such referees;

(c) costs incurred by any persons in, or in connection with, the ascertaining, verifying and recording of particulars of interests to be transferred under the Act and the valuation of interests transferred and their arrangement and allocation for that purpose;

(d) costs of proceedings falling to be borne by any such valuation board or referee or by the Minister;

and of expenses incurred by the Minister of securing the prosecution by himself or others of research into methods of advancing the safety
and promoting the health of persons employed in or about coal mines.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Adjournment.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes before Three of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 72.]

Thursday, 31st January, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish public ownership and control of the coal-mining industry and certain allied activities (in this Resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to give the following authorisations, that is to say:

A. To authorise the charging on the Consolidated Fund of the principal and interest of stock to be issued under provisions of the Act for any of the following purposes, and the issuing thereout of money payments to be made under provisions of the Act for any of those purposes, that is to say:

(i) making compensation for the transfer of interests thereunder (other than interests of bodies administering central selling schemes under Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930), such compensation being, in so far as it is made in respect of value of transferred interests which is determined under the said Act to be attributable to their usefulness for activities relevant to district wages ascertainment, of an aggregate amount fixed, in accordance with terms of reference which have been agreed between the Minister of Fuel and Power (in this Resolution referred to as "the Minister") and the Mining Association of Great Britain, by a tribunal constituted as so agreed;

(ii) making compensation in respect of increased expenses due to the severance of transferred interests from other assets;

(iii) making refunds of expenses which, in accordance with the authorisation in that behalf which has been given by the Minister, have been incurred on capital account by colliery concerns or subsidiaries thereof since the first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-five, for the provision or improvement of things interests in which are transferred;

(iv) making, by way of interim income pending satisfaction of such compensation as aforesaid, additions to such compensation, or, in the case of compensation to colliery concerns or subsidiaries thereof, making, by way of interim income for two years from such date as the Minister may appoint for the transfer of interests that are to be transferred without option to the contrary, payments by reference to the profits or gains of such concerns or subsidiaries or to their output of coal disposable commercially;

(v) fulfilling any agreement made between the Treasury and the National Debt Commissioners for the exchange of Coal Commission Stock for stock of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom;

(vi) making compensation for the transfer under the Act of certain interests of bodies administering central selling schemes under Part I of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, subject to provision for the making by the National Coal Board to be established under the Act of payments to the Minister by way of recouping the Crown expenses and liabilities incurred by virtue of the provisions aforesaid.

B. To authorise the laying out of the Consolidated Fund of advances to the said Board of sums not exceeding in the aggregate, in the case of sums advanced at any time within five years from the commencement of the Act, one hundred and fifty million pounds, subject to provision for the making by the said
Board of payments to the Minister of interest on such advances and in repayment thereof.

C. To authorise the charging on and issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of expenses in connection with the issue, repayment and management of stock issued as aforesaid or of stock issued in exchange for any such stock; and to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing sums required in order to redeem stock issued as mentioned in this Resolution, to utilise the purpose of providing sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund as therein mentioned or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued, to raise money in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939.

D. To authorise the payment into the Exchequer of—
- payments to be made as aforesaid by the said Board to the Minister; and
- receipts of the Minister arising from any provision made by the Act for the transfer to him of assets of the Mining Research (Safety and Health) Endowment Fund and of property held therewith; and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer representing such payments as aforesaid 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.

E. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses incurred by the Minister in the payment of—
- remuneration and allowances to the members, clerks, officers and staff of consumers' councils established under the Act, and expenses of such councils;
- remuneration and allowances to the members, clerks, officers and staff of valuation boards or any panel of referees established under the Act and to accountants employed for the purposes of determinations thereunder, expenses of such boards or of such a referee, and expenses of the Minister in connection with reviews by such referees;
- costs incurred by any persons in, or in connection with, the ascertaining, verifying and recording of particulars of interests to be transferred under the Act and the valuation of interests transferred and their arrangement and allocation for that purpose;
- costs of proceedings falling to be borne by any such valuation board or referee or by the Minister;
- and of expenses incurred by the Minister of securing the prosecution by himself or others of research into methods of advancing the safety and promoting the health of persons employed in or about coal mines.

The said Resolution being read a second time; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution; The House divided.

The Yeas were—

Tellers for the Yeas, 209.
- Mr. Pearson, Captain Blenkinsop
- Major Mott-Radclyffe, Sir Arthur Young
- Noes, 87.
- So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Charles MacAndrew Chairman of Standing Committee C.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Charles MacAndrew Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Lancaster (Heywood and Radcliffe Division) Writ.

A Bill to provide for the transfer to the Mayor Aldermen and Burgess of the Borough of Banbury of the undertaking of the Banbury Water Company and of certain waterworks and property of the Banbury Rural District Council; to authorise the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgess to construct waterworks and to acquire lands; to define the limits within which they may supply water and to confer further powers upon them with regard to the supply of water therein; to make further provision with regard to the finance of the said borough; and for other purposes, was presented and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the improvement of the central area of the city of Birmingham by the construction of an Inner Ring Road and other works; to make further provision with respect to the water electricity and gas undertakings of the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the city; to alter the limits for the supply of water by the Councils of the cities of Birmingham and Coventry; to make further provision with respect to the health local government and improvement of the city of Birmingham; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
A Bill to authorise the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Cardiff to execute warrants and acquire lands; to authorise the Corporation to run trolley vehicles on an additional route; to empower the Corporation and the Penarth Urban District Council to enter into agreements for the transfer to the Corporation of the electricity undertaking of the said Urban District Council; to confer further powers upon the Corporation; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enlarge the powers of the County Council of the Administrative County of the County Palatine of Chester and the councils of county districts in that County Palatine with respect to the acquisition and development of land; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Urban District Council of Long Eaton in regard to their electricity and water undertakings and other matters; to make further and better provision for the improvement health and local government of their district; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Northmet Power Company to take on lease and operate a generating station to be erected by the North Metropolitan Power Station Company Limited, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enlarge the powers of the County Council of the Administrative County of Nottingham and the councils of county districts in that County with respect to the acquisition and development of land; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise agreements between the Portsmouth Corporation and the Southdown Motor Services Limited for the provision and working in co-ordination of passenger road transport by the said Corporation and the said Company; to empower the said Corporation to borrow money; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to alter the constitution of the Tees Conservancy Commissioners; to authorise the transfer to the Tees Conservancy Commissioners of the dock undertaking of the London and North Eastern Railway Company at Middleton; to authorise the Commissioners to make works to acquire and hold lands and to provide and carry on docks wharves quays landing places and the like; to make provision for the rates tolls dues and charges demandable by the Commissioners; to extend the time for the construction of certain works by the Commissioners; to confer on the Commissioners further powers with respect to the raising of money; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Secretaries in the House of Commons, copies of documents relating to the First Session of the Food and Agriculture Conference of the United Nations, held at Quebec, Canada, between the 16th day of October and the 1st day of November 1945.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Secretary for the Home Department, a Bill, entitled—

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

Mr. Greenwood, by His Majesty's Command, Education Bill, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend and supplement the law relating to education and to amend the law relating to the execution of the Public Libraries Acts, 1852 to 1919, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act in the expenditure of the Minister of Education under
the enactments relating to education.—(Mr. Hardman.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to facilitate the redistribution of functions between Ministers of the Crown, and the alteration of the style and title of such Ministers, and to make further provision with respect to certain Ministers, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys attributable to provisions of the said Act continuing in force enactments relating to the salaries and expenses of certain Ministers and their secretaries, officers and servants.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Bill;

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

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

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.—(Captain Stewart.)

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Bill to Standing Committee D.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Bowles Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to facilitate the redistribution of functions between Ministers of the Crown, and the alteration of the style and title of such Ministers, and to make further provision with respect to certain Ministers, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys attributable to provisions of the said Act continuing in force enactments relating to the salaries and expenses of certain Ministers and their secretaries, officers and servants.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Bill;

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

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

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.—(Captain Stewart.)

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in 1945.

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

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, [Money].—Copy of an Amendment, dated 10th January 1946, to the Legislative Assembly Electoral Rules.

Copy of a Draft of an Order, entitled the Government of India (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1946.


Copy of a Draft of an Order, entitled the Government of Burma (Shan States Federal Fund) Order, 1946.

Copy of a Draft of an Order, entitled the Government of Burma (Governor's Emergency Allowances, Repair of Furnishings) Order, 1946.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1946, making further provisions with regard to Limitation of Supplies (Photographic Goods).

Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1946, revoking the Containers and Straps (No. 6) Order, 1945.

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

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th January 1945, amending the Citrus Fruit Order, 1945.

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

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Glenvil Hall and Mr. Key, presented a Bill to make fresh arrangements for the making of contributions grants and loans in connection with the provision of housing accommodation; to provide for matters subordinate to that purpose; to amend the enactments which relate to the making of contributions in respect of housing accommodation; to amend the law relating to the housing accounts of local authorities; and to facilitate the provision of housing accommodation in the Isles of Scilly: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Westwood, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Thomas Fraser, presented a Bill to make fresh provision for the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and by local authorities in respect of housing accommo-
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Assurance Companies 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 Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1945.

Class I.

Vote 2. House of Commons.

1. £6,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons.


2. £15,000 (Supplementary), for a grant in aid of the Government Hospitality Fund.

Vote 18. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund.

3. £82,000 (Supplementary), for making the payment due to the Local Loans Fund in respect of advances in Northern Ireland.

Vote 19. Royal Commissions, &c.

4. £165,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and other expenses of Royal Commissions, Committees, and special enquiries, &c., including provision for shorthand.

Class VIII.

Vote 3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c.

5. £20,000 (Supplementary), for the expenses of pensions, compensation allowances and gratuities awarded to retired and disbanded members and staff of the Royal Irish Constabulary, and to widows of such members, including annuities to the National Debt Commissioners in respect of commutation of compensation allowances and certain extra-statutory payments.

Class X.

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

6. £10 (Supplementary), for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Vote 2. Ministry of Aircraft Production.

7. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Aircraft Production.


8. £10 (Supplementary), for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

Vote 6. Ministry of Health (War Services).

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

Vote 7A. Home Office (War Services).

10. £10 (Supplementary), for the cost of the war services of the Home Office.
11. £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.
12. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of War Transport.

13. £10 (Supplementary), for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Works.

Vote 17. Department of Agriculture for Scotland (War Services).
14. £10 (Supplementary), for the cost of the war services of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

Class II.

Vote 13. India and Burma Services.
15. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for India and His Majesty’s Secretary of State for Burma, and a grant in aid of military expenditure from Indian Revenues.

Class III.

Vote 13. Prisons, Scotland.
16. £10,550 (Supplementary), for salaries and expenses in connection with the administration of Scottish prisons, including the maintenance of criminal lunatics, defectives, and inmates of the State Inebriate Reformatory, and the preparation of judicial statistics.

Class IV.

17. £200,585 (Supplementary), for public education in Scotland, including certain grants in aid of the Education (Scotland) Fund, and for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including a grant in aid.

Class IX.

Vote 2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland.
18. £1,145,833 (Supplementary), for the General Exchequer Contribution and certain other grants to local authorities in Scotland.

Class III.

Vote 2. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.
19. £5,500 (Supplementary), for the expenses of the maintenance of criminal lunatics in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

20. £1,270,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, and of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District; the contribution towards the expenses of the Metropolitan Police; the salaries and expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary; the cost of special services, and other grants in respect of Police expenditure, including a grant in aid of the Police Federation, and a contribution towards the expenses of the International Criminal Police Commission.

Vote 19. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland.
21. £400 (Supplementary), for such of the salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature and Court of Criminal Appeal of Northern Ireland, and of the Land Registry of Northern Ireland, as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund, and other expenses, including certain expenses in connection with land purchase in Northern Ireland, and a grant in aid; and the salaries and expenses of the Pensions Appeal Tribunal in Northern Ireland.

Class VI.

Vote 15. State Management Districts.
22. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the State Management Districts, including the salaries of the central office, and the cost of provision and management of licensed premises.

Class VII.

23. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Works.

Class VI.

Vote 16A. Ministry of Civil Aviation.
24. £3,500,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Class IX.

Vote 1. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales.
25. £9,000,000 (Supplementary), for the General Exchequer Contribution and certain other grants to local authorities in England and Wales.

Class III.

Vote 6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c.
26. £10 (Supplementary), for such of the salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature and Court of Criminal Appeal as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund, and a grant in aid; and the salaries and expenses of Pensions Appeal Tribunals.

Vote 7. County Courts.
27. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses in connection with the County Courts, the Liabilities Adjustment Offices and the War Damage (Valuation Appeals) Tribunal.

Class V.

Vote 10. Assistance Board.
28. £200,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Department of the Assistance Board and of certain Appeal Tribunals; sums payable to applicants for assistance, &c.; expenses of training, work centres, &c.; and a grant in aid.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Joynson Hicks be discharged from the Select Committee on Members' Expenses, and that Major Ramsay be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Mathers.)

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.

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Education Bill to Standing Committee B.

[No. 75.]

Tuesday, 5th February, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement for the Establishment of the European Coal Organisation, signed at London on the 4th day of January 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th February 1946, entitled the Local Elections (Supplementary Provisions) (Herne Bay Urban District) Order, 1946.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd January 1946, entitled the Limitation of Supplies (Toys and Indoor Games) (No. 3) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th January 1946, entitled the Operations at Unfenced Machinery (Amended Schedule) Regulations, 1946.

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

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—(1) dated 14th January 1946, amending the Bread (Control and Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1943.

(2) dated 23rd January 1946, entitled the Canned Fish (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946, and

(3) dated 24th January 1946, entitled the Coffee (Maximum Retail Prices) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd January 1946, amending the General Licence, dated 2nd January 1943, having effect under the Soap (Licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) (No. 2) Order, 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:

Schedule containing Particulars of a Class of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War, which are considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Account of the Sums received into and paid out of the Herring Fund Advances Account in the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon;—Also, an Audited Statement with respect to the application of Moneys advanced to the Herring Industry Fund for the year ended the 30th day of September 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts 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 (with Memoranda relating to certain Orders): And the Report was brought up and read, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Drafts of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (U.S.A.) Order, 1946, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (France) Order, 1946, and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (U.S.A.) Order, 1946, and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (France) Order, 1946, copies of which were presented on the 28th day of January last, 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 Bakehouses (Employment on the Sunday before Christmas) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1580) and the Air Navigation (Amendment) (Ministry of Civil Aviation) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1879), copies of which were presented on the 22nd day of January last, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to them, on the ground that they appear to make some unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statutes under which they are made.
They have also considered the Carpets (Imported) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1505), a copy of which was presented on the 11th day of December last, the Wages Board (Unlicensed Residential Establishment) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1510), a copy of which was presented on the 17th day of December last, the General Apparel and Textiles (Wholesalers' and Retailers' Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1529), the Women's and Men's Outerwear (Manufacturers' Maximum Prices) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1530), copies of which were presented on the 18th day of December last, the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 7) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1555), a copy of which was presented on the 19th day of December last, the Gloves (No. 9) Directions, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1560), a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of December last, the General Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges and Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1570), the Control of Engagement (Amendment) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1579), the Disabled Persons (Standard Percentage) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1945, No. 1570), the Order amending the Labelling of Food (No. 2) Order, 1944 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1550), the Bananas (Amendment) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1551), the National Health Insurance (Emergency Additional Benefits) Amendment Regulations, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1644), and the Contributory Pensions (Emergency Provisions) Regulations, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1655), copies of which were presented on the 22nd day of January last, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to them, on the ground that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the laying of them before Parliament.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Memoranda be printed.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Eccles and Mr. Turton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Nutting and Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C:—Mr. Ashby, Lieutenant-Colonel Clifton-Brown, Mr. William Shepherd, Mr. Nutting and Sir Wavell Wakefield; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bower, Colonel Clarke, Mr. Eccles, Major Roberts and Mr. Stross.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill) :—Major Boyd-Carpenter, Mr. George Brown, Wing-Commander Cooper, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Daggar, Mr. William Foster, Mr. Gallacher, Major Lloyd George, Mr. Glenville, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. Grey, Sir Arnold Gridley, Mr. Hale, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Miss Herbstoun, Lord John Hope, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Jennings, Colonel Lancaster, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tworth, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Major Macpherson, Mr. Neal, Mr. Shinwell, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. John Thomas, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, Mr. Timmons, and Colonel Wigg.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Bill):—Mr. Alpass, Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Berry, Mr. Bevan, Major Bruce, Major Digby, Mr. Horabin, Mr. Key, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. William Morrison, Mr. James Reid, Mr. Renton, Mr. Royle, Mr. Sillen, Mr. Strang, Mr. Turtou, Mr. Walker-Smith, Major Wilkes and Mr. York.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D:—Colonel Clarke; and had appointed in substitution Colonel Stoddart-Scott.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee E that they had appointed the following Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee E:—Mr. Baldwin, Lieutenant-Colonel Birch, Mr. Callaghan, Major Conant, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mrs. Ganley, Lady Megan Lloyd George, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Longden, Captain Marples, Brigadier Peters, Mr. Piratin, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Rankin, Brigadier Rayner, Squadron-Leader Roberts, Mr. Sheffington-Lodge, Mr. Norman Smith and Mr. Stokes.

Wing-Commander Edward Arthur Alexander New Member Shackleton, O.B.E., Member for the Borough of Preston, was sworn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Investment (Control and Guarantees) Bill.

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word 'that' to the end of the Question, and adding the words "This House, while welcoming measures designed for the further protection of the saving and investing public, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which, by giving permanent and uncontrolled power to the Government to dictate both to the producer and the investor, will hamper commercial and industrial development, handicap the new entrant into industry, impede the development of new processes and inventions, and restrict the choice of goods and services available to the consumer."—[Mr. Bracken]—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 for the Noes:

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Collindridge, Yeas, Captain Snow: 326.

Tellers for the Noes: Sir Arthur Young. 142.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Stanley.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the *(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Collinsridge, Mr. Arthur Young*)

Yeas, 284

Nees, 131

So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Investment (Control and 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)

Motion made, and Question put, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the regulation of the borrowing and raising of money, the issue of securities, and the circulation of offers of securities for subscription, sale or exchange, to enable the Treasury to guarantee loans in certain circumstances, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for fulfilling a guarantee given under the said Act for the purpose of facilitating the reconstruction or development of an industry or part of an industry in Great Britain, so, however, that the aggregate capital amount of the loans guaranteed under the said Act in any one financial year (excluding any part of that amount which is guaranteed neither as to principal nor as to interest) does not exceed fifty million pounds:

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any moneys paid in or towards repayment of any sum issued out of the Consolidated Fund as aforesaid and of so much of any sum adjudged to be paid on the summary conviction of a person for an offence under the said Act as may be specified in the said Act; and

(c) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Treasury in the administration of the said Act.

—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the *(Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Collinsridge, Mr. Arthur Young)*

Yeas, 284

Nees, 131

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.

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Touche Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Education Bill.

No. 76.

Wednesday, 6th February, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Banbury Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.
Ordered, That the Birmingham Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Cardiff Corporation Bill be read a second time, and committed.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Long Eaton Urban District Council Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the North Met Power Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

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

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

Mr. William Foster presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made under section one of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1922, relating to the North West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority: And the same was read the first time.

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

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Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Financial and Economic Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Greek Government, signed at London on the 24th day of January 1946. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st February 1946, entitled the Cheshire Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 30th January 1946, entitled the Shipping Industry (Pneumoconiosis) Compensation Scheme, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill) :—Lord John Hope and had appointed in substitution Colonel Hutchinson.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Hutchinson.

Mr. Nationalisation Committee reported to the House, That they had appointed in substitution Colonel Bevin.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Parliamentary Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Investment (Control and Guarantees) Bill to Standing Committee E.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Douglas Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Investment (Control and Guarantees) Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Investment (Control and Guarantees) Bill to Standing Committee E.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Douglas Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Investment (Control and Guarantees) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills (No Standing Orders applicable).

From one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Mortlake Crematorium Board) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Northmet Power Bill ; Power Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of this instant February.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Parliamentary directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Elections. Regulations, dated 4th February 1946, entitled the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood 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 1946.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of the Anglo-Spanish, Anglo-Italian, Anglo-Turkish and Anglo-Rumanian Clearing Offices for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Mr. David Griffiths; and had appointed in substitution Mr. George Thomas.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Mr. George Thomas; and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Griffiths.

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 a quarter past Nine of the clock.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the National Insurance Bill be now read a second time:

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate, and after a quarter past Nine of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

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

(Mr. Robert Taylor);

And it being a quarter of an hour before Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, as modified for this Session by the Order made upon the 16th day of August last, till to-morrow.

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 Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill:—(Duration).—(Captain Crookshank.)

And the said Clause was brought up and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 41, by leaving out from the word “Council,” to the word “shall,” in l. 42.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 4, by inserting after the word “copies,” the words “of the draft.”—(Captain Crookshank.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

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 Agriculture (Artificial Insemination) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

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

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

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

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1945.

Class IV.

Vote 1. Ministry of Education.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,500,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, 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.

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

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee on Education (Money), a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend and supplement the law relating to education and to amend the law relating to the Public Libraries Acts, 1892 to 1919, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act in the expenditure of the Minister of Education under the enactments relating to education.

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. Pearson);

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.—(Captain Stewart)

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

[No. 79.]

Monday, 11th February, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment).

Soviet Union (Miscellaneous, No. 4, 1946).

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Consumer Rationing).

Education.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th February 1946, entitled the Teachers’ Superannuation (Section 21 (1) (b)) Varying Scheme, 1946.

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

Mr. Wilmut presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th February 1946, entitled the Control of Paper (No. 73) Order, 1946.

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

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order dated 31st January 1946, entitled the Food Standards (Self-raising Flour) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 1st February 1946, amending the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1945.

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

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Grenfell reported from the Select Committee on Elections, 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. Tom Smith reported from the Committee Selection of Members from Standing Committee D:—Wing-Commander Robinson and Colonel Stoddart-Scott; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Baldwin and Colonel Thornton-Kemsley.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Bill):—Mr. Harold Macmillan; and had appointed in substitution Commander Galbraith.

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

THE 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 an Agreement concerning the Entry of the Soviet Union into the War against Japan, signed at Livadia on the 11th day of February 1945.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th February 1946, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) Order, 1946.

Copy of a General Licence, dated 5th February 1946, in respect of the supply of Oilskin Clothing.

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

Miss Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of a Scheme, dated 7th February 1946, entitled the Teachers’ Superannuation (Section 21 (1) (b)) Varying Scheme, 1946.

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

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

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Copy of an Order, dated 1st February 1946, amending the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1945.

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

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

Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the Irish Land National Debt Commissioners in respect of the Purchase Fund, Capital and Income of the Irish Land Purchase Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Grenfell reported from the Select Committee on Elections, 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. Tom Smith reported from the Committee Selection of Members from Standing Committee D:—Wing-Commander Robinson and Colonel Stoddart-Scott; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Baldwin and Colonel Thornton-Kemsley.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Bill):—Mr. Harold Macmillan; and had appointed in substitution Commander Galbraith.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant February, That the National Insurance 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:—The House proceeded to a Division, and Mr. Speaker stated that he thought that the Yeas had it;
and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared the Yeas had it, two Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

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

Mr. Greenwood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to National Insurance [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)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session (hereinafter referred to as "the new Act") to establish an extended system of national insurance providing pecuniary payments by way of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit, maternity benefit, retirement pension, widows' benefit, guardian's allowance and death grant, and to provide for the making of payments towards the cost of a national health service, it is expedient to give the following authorisations, that is to say:—

A. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of contributions towards the cost of benefit payable under the new Act and any other payments to be made out of the National Insurance Fund established thereunder being contributions not exceeding in the aggregate sums computed in accordance with the following provisions by reference to the following Tables:—

(a) for each contribution as an employed, self-employed or non-employed person paid under the new Act by a person of any description set out in the first column of Table I, and for each contribution paid under the new Act by an employer in respect of a person of any such description there may be paid the sum (hereinafter referred to as the exchequer supplement) respectively set out in the said Table in relation to a contribution of that class and a person of that description;

(b) in respect of any period mentioned in the first column of Table II, there may be paid the sums respectively set out in the second column of that Table;

so, however, that, if the Treasury, by order under the new Act made with a view to maintaining a stable level of employment, increase the rate of any contribution for which the Exchequer supplement is payable, they shall have power after to increase by the order the rate of the Exchequer supplement for that contribution, but in such manner as not to affect (except so far as appears to them expedient for convenience of calculation) the proportion which the rate of the supplement bears to that of the contribution.

B. To authorise the repayment to the National Insurance Fund out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required in accordance with the provisions of the new Act for the payment of unemployment benefit to insured persons for days of unemployment occurring within a period of five years beginning with a day appointed under that Act, being days for which they are not entitled to such benefit by reason only of having exhausted their right thereto under that Act.

C. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any such increase in sums payable thereout as may be occasioned by provisions of the new Act—

(a) extending, as from the day appointed under the new Act, the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, so as to apply to persons over the age of sixty-five who are entitled to unemployment benefit or only not so entitled by reason of regulations under the new Act or by reason of a disqualification contained in the new Act; and

(b) amending, as from the day appointed under the new Act, Part II of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1940, and subsections (2) and (4) of section four of the Pensions and Determination of Needs Act, 1943, in relation to—

(i) persons who under the new Act are, or are deemed in accordance with regulations to be, entitled to a retirement pension or to a widowed mother's allowance; and

(ii) persons who under the new Act are, or are deemed in accordance with regulations to be, entitled to a widow's allowance and who either are over the age of sixty or are entitled under the new Act to an increase of the allowance for a child.

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(a) increasing the rate of any benefit, pension or allowance payable under that enactment;

(b) making the right to any such benefit, pension or allowance subject to additional or altered conditions;

(c) modifying the period for which any such benefit, pension or allowance is payable.

E. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, in manner provided by the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936, of any such increase in the sums payable thereout in manner aforesaid as may be occasioned by regulations made under the new Act increasing, as from such day as may be provided by the new Act, the rate of any pension payable under the said Act of 1936, or modifying, as from that day, the right to any such pension.

F. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such other sums as may be required for making any payments (not being payments in respect of the cost of benefit under the new Act or other payments required by that Act to be made out of the National Insurance Fund or payments for which express provision is made by the foregoing paragraphs of this Resolution) which are authorised or required by the new Act to be made by the Minister of National Insurance or any other Government Department.

G. To authorise the payment into the Exchequer out of the National Insurance Fund of such sums as may be provided by the new Act in respect of the cost of any national health service hereafter established by Parliament.

—(Mr. Glendower Hall.)

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the continued irrelevance on the part of Lieutenant-Colonel Birch, Member for the County of Flint, and directed the honourable Member to resume his seat.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bank of England 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.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee on Investment (Control and Guarantees) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the regulation of the borrowing and raising of money, the issue of securities, and the circulation of offers of securities for subscription, sale or exchange, to enable the Treasury to guarantee loans in certain circumstances, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid it is expedient to authorize—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for fulfilling a guarantee given under the said Act for the purpose of facilitating the reconstruction or development of an industry or part of an industry in Great Britain, so, however, that the aggregate capital amount of the loans guaranteed under the said Act in any one financial year (excluding any part of that amount which is guaranteed neither as to principal nor as to interest) does not exceed fifty million pounds;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any moneys paid in or towards repayment of any sum issued out of the Consolidated Fund as aforesaid and of so much of any sum adjudged to be paid on the summary conviction of a person for an offence under the said Act as may be specified in the said Act; and

(c) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Treasury in the administration of the said Act.

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

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

Tuesday, 12th February, 1946.

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 make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member Division) Writ. to serve in this present Parliament for the County of York, West Riding (Hemsworth Division), in the room of George Arthur Griffiths Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Whitley.)

The Birmingham Corporation Bill was, Birmingham Corporation Bill, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The High Wycombe Corporation Bill was, High Wycombe Corporation Bill, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.
The Long Eaton Urban District Council Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Gisewill Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Bill entitled the Long Eaton Urban District Fund. (Consolidated Estimate, 1945). (Supplementary Fund. (Development Committee B.)

Mr. Gisewill Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract Account showing the Issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in the year ending the 31st day of March, 1945, 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.

Abstract Account of the Receipts into, and Issues out of, the Development Fund in the year ending the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th February 1946, entitled the Grass Seeds and Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) General Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 1st February 1946, altering Rule I of Order LXXX and annulling Paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of Rule 4 of the same Order and substituting new paragraphs therefor, of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northeastern Ireland) (Procedure).

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Resolution, dated 1st February 1946, relating to delivery up of Units in respect of Reserved Utility Furniture marked G.S.S.R.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th February 1946, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (No. 6) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st February 1946, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benevolences) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing the total number of electors on the register now in force in each Parliamentary Constituency in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and in each Local Government Area in England and Wales.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Mr. Burden reported from Standing Committee B; That they had gone through the Police Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

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 Drafts of the Government of India (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1946, the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1946, the Government of Burma (Shan States Federal Fund) Order, 1946, and the Government of Burma (Governors' Emergency Allowances, Repair of Furnishings) Order, 1946, copies of which were presented on the 7th day of this instant February, and the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 7th 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 out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Lambert and Mr. Edward Smith, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Poole and Mr. Renton.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the National Insurance Bill):—Mr. Beechman, Lieutenant-Colonel Birch, Mr. Blyton, Mr. Bowen, Major Boyd-Carpenter, Mr. Richard Butler, Lieutenant-Colonel Clifton-Brown, Mr. Davies, Mrs. Ayrton-Gould, Mr. Gisewill Hall, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Hoy, Mr. Hector Hughes, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lindgren, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Molson, Mr. Murray, Sir Basil Nevern-Spence, Mr. Peake, Mr. Rakes, Brigadier Rayner, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Mr. Steele, Mr. Bernard Taylor, Mr. Walker, Mr. Frederick Willey and Mr. Willis.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Education Bill):—Mr. Heathcoat Amory, Flight-Lieutenant Beswick, Mr. Bins, Mr. Richard Butler, Mr. Chamberlain, Miss Colman, Mr. Corlett, Mr. Cove, Professor Gruffydd, Mr. Hardman, Mr. Wilson Harris, Lieutenant Herbert Hughes, Mr. King, Mr. Martin Lindsay, Mr. Sidney Marshall, Mr. Morley, Mr. Nield, Mr. Ivor Owen Thomas, Mr. Safari Webbe and Miss Wilkinson.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee E:—Lieutenant-Colonel Birch, Brigadier Rayner and Mr. Stokes; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Price-White, Mr. Scott-Elliot and Mr. Spearman.
Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee E (in respect of the Investment (Control and Guarantees) Bill) :—Captain Adams, Mr. Assheton, Captain Blackburn, Mr. Bracken, Lieutenant-Commander Branshawe, Mr. Castle, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Stanley Evans, Mr. Granville, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Howard, Mr. Lyne, Sir John Mellor, Mr. Mitchellson, Mr. Pitman, Mr. Rogers, Sir Arthur Salter, Mr. Ellis Smith and Captain Snow.

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 Local Government (Financial Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Bill.

The Lords have passed a Bill intituled, An Act to repeal the Straits Settlements Act, 1866, and to make further provision for the government of the territories heretofore known as the Straits Settlements ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be resumed, 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.—(The Prime Minister.)

Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions 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. Mathers.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order, dated 6th December 1945, entitled the Women’s and Maids’ Outerwear (Manufacurers’ Maximum Prices) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1530), a copy of which was presented on the 18th day of December last, be annulled—(Mr. Charles Taylor)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Goods and Services (Price Control).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order, dated 6th December 1945, entitled the General Apparel and Textiles (Wholesalers’ and Retailers’ Maximum Prices and Charges) (No 3) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1529), a copy of which was presented on the 18th day of December last, be annulled—(Sir John Mellor)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Catering Wages.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order, dated 3rd December 1945, entitled the Wages Board (Unlicensed Residential Establishment) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945 No. 1520), a copy of which was presented on the 17th day of December last, be annulled—(Lord William Scott).—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday 13th February 1946:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations, dated 3rd December 1945, entitled the Contributory Pensions (Emergency Provisions), Regulations, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1655), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of January last, be annulled—(Sir John Mellor)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order, dated 17th December 1945, entitled the Bakehouses (Employment (Factories), Emergency Powers (Defence) (Food), Regulations, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1580), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of January last, be annulled—(Mr. Charles Taylor)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the National Insurance Bill to Standing Committee A.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Butcher Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the National Insurance Bill.
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 make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the University of Durham, the Victoria University of Manchester, the University of Liverpool, the University of Leeds, the University of Sheffield, the University of Birmingham, the University of Bristol and the University of Reading in the room of Eleanor Florence Rathbone, deceased.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Cheshire County Council Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Lancashire County Council Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant February.


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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Directions, dated 6th February 1946, entitled the Bedding (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 8) Directions, 1946.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of proposed changes in the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill respecting Death Benefits.

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

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the National Insurance Bill) —Major Boyd-Carpenter; and had appointed in substitution Major Digby.

The Straits Settlements (Repeal) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

The Lords communicate that they have Consolidation Bills in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Emrys Hughes, Esquire, Member for the County of Ayr and Bute (South Ayrshire Division), made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill be now read a second time;

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

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

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The House divided.

The Yeas were a majority of Twenty-four;—Mr. Mathers:—369.

Tellers for the Yeas were Mr. Whiteley and Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.

And the Bill was accordingly read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Pearson.)

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

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

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session (hereinafter referred to as 'the new Act') to establish an extended system of national insurance providing pecuniary payments by way of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit, maternity benefit, retirement pension, widows' benefit, guardian's allowance and death grant, and to provide for the making of payments towards the cost of a national health service, it is expedient to give the following authorisations, that is to say:

A. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of contributions towards the cost of benefit payable under the new Act and any other payments to be made out of the National Insurance Fund established thereunder, being contributions not exceeding in the aggregate sums computed in accordance with the following provisions by reference to the following Tables:

(a) for each contribution as an employed, self-employed or non-employed person paid under the new Act by a person of any description set out in the first column of Table I, and for each contribution paid under the new Act by an employer in respect of a person of any such description, there may be paid the sum (hereinafter referred to as the 'exchequer supplement') respectively set out in the said Table in relation to a contribution of that class and a person of that description;

(b) in respect of any period mentioned in the second column of Table II, there may be paid the sums respectively set out in the first column of that Table;

so, however, that, if the Treasury, by order under the new Act made with a view to maintaining a stable level of employment, increase the rate of any contribution for which the Exchequer supplement is payable, they shall have power also to increase by the order the rate of the Exchequer supplement for that contribution, but in such manner as not to affect (except so far as appears to them expedient for convenience of calculation) the proportion which the rate of the supplement bears to that of the contribution.

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B. To authorise the repayment to the National Insurance Fund out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required in accordance with the provisions of the new Act for the payment of unemployment benefit to insured persons for days of unemployment occurring within a period of five years beginning with a day appointed under that Act, being days for which they are not entitled to such benefit by reason only of having exhausted their right thereto under that Act.

C. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any such increase in sums payable thereout as may be occasioned by provisions of the new Act—

(a) extending, as from the day appointed under the new Act, the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, so as to apply to persons over the age of sixty-five who are entitled to unemployment benefit or only not so entitled by reason of regulations under the new Act or by reason of a disqualification contained in the new Act; or

(b) amending, as from the day appointed under the new Act, Part II of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act, 1949, and subsections (2) and (4) of section four of the Pensions and Determination of Needs Act, 1943, in relation to—

(i) persons who under the new Act are, or are deemed in accordance with such regulations to be, entitled to a retirement pension or to a widowed mother's allowance; and

(ii) persons who under the new Act are, or are deemed in accordance with such regulations to be, entitled to a widow's allowance, and who either are over the age of sixty or are entitled under the new Act to an increase of the allowance for a child.

D. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any such increase in the sums payable thereout as may be occasioned by any provision of regulations under the new Act made in connection with the modification by such regulations, as respects the period before the day appointed under that Act, of any enactment repealed or amended by that Act (other than the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936), being a modification—

(a) increasing the rate of any benefit, pension or allowance payable under that enactment;

(b) making the right to any such benefit, pension or allowance subject to additional or altered conditions;

(c) modifying the period for which any such benefit, pension or allowance is payable.

E. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, in manner provided by the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936, of any such

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increase in the sums payable thereout in manner aforesaid as may be occasioned by regulations made under the new Act increasing, as from such day as may be provided by the new Act, the rate of any pension payable under the said Act of 1936, or modifying, as from that day, the right to any such pension.

F. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such other sums as may be required for making any payments (not being payments in respect of the cost of benefit under the new Act or other payments required by that Act to be made out of the National Insurance Fund or payments for which express provision is made by the foregoing paragraphs of this Resolution) which are authorised or required by the new Act to be made by the Minister of National Insurance or any other Government Department.

G. To authorise the payment into the Exchequer out of the National Insurance Fund of such sums as may be provided by the new Act in respect of the cost of any national health service hereafter established by Parliament.

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

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

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

--[No. 82.--]

Thursday, 14th February, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

R. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of Crown Lands, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by His Honour T. Eastham, K.C., of an Inquiry into the case of Arthur Alfred Clatworthy.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Ilford.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Commentary on the Report of the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations, with text of the Report as presented to the General Assembly at London on the forth day of January 1946.

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

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 7th February 1946, supplementary to the Milk (Control and Maximum Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 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 (Mortlake Crematorium Board) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

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

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Carson and Mr. Tom Smith; and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Castle and Major Legge-Bourke.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the National Insurance Bill)—Mr. Walker; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Mack.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee E (added in respect of the Investment (Control and Guarantees) Bill)—Mrs. Castle; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Lewis.

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 Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented a Bill, to make further provision as to the appointment of the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to grant money for the purpose of certain local loans out of the Local Loans Fund and for other purposes relating to local loans: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

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:

1. Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1946.
2. India (Proclamations of Emergency) Act, 1946.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCOTTISH BILLS.

Notice was given this day that the following Member, being a Member representing a Scottish Constituency, is a Member of the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland and committed to a Standing Committee under paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees):—Mr. Emrys Hughes.

[No. 83.]

Friday, 15th February, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Mortlake Crematorium 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.

Mr. Barnes, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Direction, dated 12th February 1946, entitled the Transport of Bricks (Revocation) Direction, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th February 1946, entitled the Railway Companies (Accounts and Returns) Order, 1946.

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

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

Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the Local Loans Fund. No. 77.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A:—Mr. Robert Taylor; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Yates.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the policy of His Majesty's Government for Agriculture—

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lords Message of the 13th day of this instant February communicating the Resolution, That it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

Ordered, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.—

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

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

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

[No. 84.]

Monday, 18th February, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

R. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Estimates for Civil and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1947, with a Memorandum. Estimate showing the several Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947.

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

No. 79.
Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Correspondence between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Iraqi Government concerning the prolongation of existing arrangements regarding Iraqi foreign exchange requirements, exchanged at Bagdad on the 17th day of January 1946.

Copy of an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Portugal for Air Services between British and Portuguese Territories (with annex and notes exchanged), signed at Lisbon on the 6th day of December 1945 (The Agreement has not been ratified by the Government of the United Kingdom).

Copy of an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Portugal for Air Services traversing British and Portuguese Territories (with annex and notes exchanged), signed at Lisbon on the 6th day of December 1945 (The Agreement has not been ratified by the Government of the United Kingdom).

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 27th December 1945, entitled the Police War Reserve (Scotland) (No. 2) Rules, 1945.

Copy of Rules, dated 27th December 1945, entitled the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps (Scotland) (No. 2) Rules, 1945.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries respecting Applications to, and the decisions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Rules, dated 27th December 1945, entitled the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps (Scotland) (No. 2) Rules, 1945.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of a Bill of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Thanet and District Superannuation Joint Committee and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th February 1946, entitled the Registration for Employment (Amendment) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

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

Six Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th February 1946, entitled the Utility Bedding (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th February 1946, entitled the Control of Machine Tools (Electrical Equipment) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 11th February 1946, entitled the Control of Talc and Pyrophyllite (No. 2) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

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 Statutory Instruments Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

John Henderson, Esquire, Member for the Burgh of Glasgow (Cathcart Division), was sworn.

Mr. Thomas Williams, supported by Mr. Hill Farming Secretary Westwood, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Thomas Fraser and Mr. Collick presented a Bill to make provision for promoting the rehabilitation of hill farming land; for the payment of subsidies in respect of hill sheep and hill cattle; for controlling the keeping of rams and ram lambs; for regulating the burning of heather and grass; for amending the law as to the valuation of sheep stocks in Scotland; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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. Herbert Morrison).

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 3, p. 2, l. 34, and Clause No. 3, p. 3, l. 6, the new Clause (Supplementary schemes) and the Amendments to the First Schedule, Part II, p. 64, l. 32 and the First Schedule, Part II, p. 64, l. 36, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. James Griffiths.-(Mr. James Griffiths.)

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. 3 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Supplementary schemes).—(Mr. James Griffiths.)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

First Schedule, Order annulled, 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 made further Amendments and added a Clause to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Police) (Mr. James Griffiths)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Woman wholly maintained to be regarded as widow in certain circumstances) (Mr. House)—was offered to be added to the Bill, and the said Clause was brought up and read the first time:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 40, by inserting, after the word " travelling," the words " as a passenger":—(Mr. James Griffiths.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Yeas.

Mr. Joseph Henderson.

Captain Bing:

Tellers for the Noes.

Mr. Studdholm:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 36, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

" Provided that disabilities shall in no case be assessed higher than similar disabilities are assessed under the Royal Warrant concerning pensions for members of his Majesty's forces for the time being in force."—(Major Boyd-Carpenter.)

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

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 15, l. 12, by leaving out the word " accident " to the end of line 13.—(Mr. Douglas.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Mathers.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

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

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

[No. 85.]

Tuesday, 19th February, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Tees Conservancy Bill.

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

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee Selection of the Lords to the Statutory Instruments Bill:

And the Question being put, That the words " standing, or, that any person who fails, "—(Mr. Solicitor General) instead of " standing or, that any person who fails," and inserting the words " for the forfeiture of injury benefit by a claimant or beneficiary for failure."—Standing Committee E.: Mr. Sheffield-Golden; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Mayhew.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee E., That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee E. (added in respect of the Investment (Control and Guarantees) Bill) : Mr. Durbis; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bowden.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by Statutory Instruments Bill, and prepared 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 not been complied with, viz.:—

Tees Conservancy Bill.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 25, by leaving out the words " that any person who fails," and inserting the words " for the forfeiture of injury benefit by a claimant or beneficiary for failure."—(Mr. Solicitor General) instead thereof:

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

It passed in the Negative.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that, on the ratification by the Government of the United States of America of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Draft of an Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (U.S.A.) Order, 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 28th day of January last, an Order may be made in the form of that Draft.---(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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 an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that, on the ratification by the Government of the French Republic of the Agreement set out in the Schedule to the Draft of an Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (France) Order, 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 28th day of January last, an Order may be made in the form of that Draft.---(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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 an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that, on the ratification by the Government of the French Republic of the Agreement set out in the Schedule to the Draft of an Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (France) Order, 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 28th day of January last, an Order may be made in the form of that Draft.---(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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.
1945, making Regulations entitled the Defence (Services for Industry) Regulations, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1614), a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of January last, be annulled;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas. Mr. Charles Taylor, Mr. Manze, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Simmons.
Tellers for the Noes. Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Reid, Mr. Russell, Mr. White.
So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, with respect to the Defence Regulations relating to Requisitioning and similar Powers (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1616), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of January last, be annulled—(Mr. James Reid)—And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. Whiteley rising in his place, and claiming to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:
The House proceeded to a Division.
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 20th February, 1946:
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas. Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Reid, Mr. Russell, Mr. White.
Tellers for the Noes. Mr. Charles Taylor, Mr. Manze, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Simmons.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, That the Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, with respect to the Defence Regulations relating to Requisitioning and similar Powers (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1616), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of January last, be annulled;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas. Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Charles Taylor, Mr. Reid, Mr. Russell, Mr. White.
Tellers for the Noes. Mr. Charles Taylor, Mr. Manze, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Simmons.
So it passed in the Negative.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mr. Thomas Williams, supported by Mr. Agricultural Secretary Ede, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. [Ploughing Up Procedure.]
Thomas Fraser and Mr. Collick, presented a Bill in Committee B (to be proceeded with under Second Report, Sir Stafford Cripps, pursuant to Distribution of the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th February 1946, entitled the Improvement of Livestock (Licensing of Bulls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams, presented, pursuant to Animals, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st March 1945, with respect to the Defence Regulations, 1945.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps, presented, pursuant to Distribution of the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Industry.
Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1946, entitled the Distribution of Industry (Development Areas) Order, 1946.
Copy of an Order, dated 14th February 1946, Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords on Monday last, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:
The Lords have agreed to the Trunk Roads Bill, with an Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have appointed a Committee on Consolidation Bills, consisting of Six Lords to be joined with a Committee of the Commons as a Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills, and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to join with the said Lords.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee Selection of Selection, That they had discharged the Committee of the Commons as a Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills, and to be proceeded with under Standing Committee Select Committee, Standing Committee B.— Mr. Pitman; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport.
Ordered, That the Eleventh Report which, Procedure, upon the 16th day of November 1944, in the Session of 1943-44, was made from the Select Committee on National Expenditure be referred to the Select Committee on Procedure.—(Sir Robert Young.)
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley);

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.

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

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

[No. 87.]

Thursday, 21st February, 1946.

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 Addresses of the 19th day of this instant February relative to Double Taxation Relief had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (U.S.A.) Order, 1946, the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (U.S.A.) Order, 1946, and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (France) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the respective drafts laid before Parliament. I will comply with your request.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northampton Power Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of March next.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement relating to Defence.

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 1946.

Estimates for the Navy for the financial year 1946 (Vote A and Vote on Account).

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

Mr. Secretary Lawson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of the further sum required to be voted for the Army for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946.

Estimates for the Army for the financial year 1946 (Vote A and Vote on Account).

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

Mr. Stracey presented, 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 1946.

Estimates for the Air Services for the financial year 1946 (Vote A and Vote on Account).

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th February 1946, entitled the Air Navigation (Amendment) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th February 1946, entitled the Disabled Persons (Special Percentage) (No. 1) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Touche reported from Standing Committee B; That they had gone through the Standing Committee B, Education Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The Prime Minister acquainted the House, That a Motion had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Building Restriction (War-Time Contraventions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Trunk Roads Lords to the Trunk Roads Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Business of Motion for the Adjournment of the House, moved by a Minister of the Crown be exempted from 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.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

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.

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

(Captain Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
FRIDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended the 21st day of December 1945:—Also a separate Account of the Capital of the said Duchy to the same date.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th February 1946, entitled the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1946.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the direction of the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 18th February 1946, authorising the temporary application of the Excesses of the Sums realised on account of Appropriations in Aid on certain Air Votes for the year 1944 towards making good the Deficit in Receipts under Vote I for the same year.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Public Accounts (Air Votes, 1944), No. 87, be printed.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 17th day of October 1945 by the Governor of Burma under Section 139 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th February 1946, amending certain Defence Regulations.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 21st February 1946, entitled the Curtain Cloth (Utility) (No. 3) Directions, 1946.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 21st February 1946, entitled the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1946.

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

The National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) 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.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Ilford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 14th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special Proprietors) Bill, 1934, and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the March Gas and Coke Company Limited, which was presented on the 23rd day of January last and published, be approved.—(Mr. William Foster.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special Proprietors) Bill, 1934, and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Stoke-on-Trent, which was presented on the 5th day of December last and published, be approved.—(Mr. William Foster.)

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

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. (Captain Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

MONDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the High Court directions of several Acts of Parliament,—of Justice Account of the Annual Salaries of the Registrars, Clerks and all others holding offices in the Probate Division of the High Court in Northern Ireland, with an Account of all Fees and Stamps received in 1945.

Account up to the 31st day of December 1945, Imperial 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 also of the Total Repayments in respect of Advances under the said Act.

Accounts of all Sums received from and paid to Trustees during the year ended the 20th day of November 1945, with 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 1945, 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.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, the copies of an Order in Council, dated 19th February 1946, amending Regulation 60c8 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, the copy of an Order, dated 22nd February 1946, entitled the Second-hand Goods (Maximum Prices, Maximum Charges and Records) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty’s Command, the copy of a Statement of proposed action by His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding the Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation.

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

Mr. Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the copy of an Order, dated 20th February 1946, entitling the Flour Order, 1945.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the copies of an Order, dated 20th February 1946, entitled the National Health Insurance (Dental Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1946.

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

The following Accounts, 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 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereto.

Account of the Cattle Fund showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereto.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, with respect to Defence Regulations relating to the Control of Industry (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1618), a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of January last, be annulled—(Mr. Eccles).—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson], Yeas, 171.

Tellers for the [Mr. Drennan], Noes, 53.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, with respect to Defence Regulations relating to the Control of Industry (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1618), a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of January last, be annulled;

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So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

[No. 90.]

Tuesday, 26th February, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, Return to the House, for a Return relative to Parliamentary Constituencies (Electors) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) and Local Government Areas (Electors) (England and Wales),

Ordered, That the said Return be upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st January 1946.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Gold Coast Colony and Ashanti (Legislative Council) Order, 1946, titled the directions of several Acts of Parliament,

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th February 1946, entitled the Gold Coast Colony and Ashanti (Legislative Council) Order in Council, 1946.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th February 1946, titled the Special Constables (Scotland) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of War Transport of the cases in which he has exercised his Powers under Section 98 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, during 1945.

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, 1864, Amendment Act (for 1946),

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

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 31st January 1946.

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

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

[No. 89.]

Parliamentary Constituencies (Electors) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) and Local Government Areas (Electors) (England and Wales).

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing the total number of electors on the register now in force in each Parliamentary Constituency and in each Local Government Area in Scotland.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

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, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read, as followeth:—Your Committee have considered the Woven Non-Wool Cloth (Manufacture and Supply) (Consolidation) Directions, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 3), a copy of which was presented on the 30th day of January last, the Order amending the Citrus Fruit Order, 1945 (S.R. &
O., 1946, No. 133), a copy of which was presented on the 4th day of this instant February, the Order amending the Bread (Control and Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 110), the Canned Fish (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 125), the Coffee (Maximum Retail Prices) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 132), the Order amending the General Licence, dated 2d January 1943, having effect under the Soap (Licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) (No. 2) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 121), and the Limitation of Supplies (Toys and Indoor Games) (No. 3) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 81), copies of which were presented on the 4th of this instant February, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to them, on the ground that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the laying of them before 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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Patents and Designs Acts, 1942, in respect of matters arising out of hostilities or the communication of inventions and designs in accordance with agreements or arrangements with other countries; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. Question put accordingly, That the proposed words be there inserted.

The Lords have agreed to the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the General Licence, dated 2d January 1943, having effect under the Soap (Licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) (No. 2) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 121), and the Limitation of Supplies (Toys and Indoor Games) (No. 3) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 81), copies of which were presented on the 4th of this instant February, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to them, on the ground that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the laying of them before Parliament. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

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

Tellers for the ['Mr. Collindridge', Yeas, 137]{Commander Agnew : f 329.}

Tellers for the ['Major Mott-Radclyffe', Yeas, 137]{Mr. Simmons : f 329.}

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, at the beginning, to insert the words "With the exception of subsections (1), (2) and (3) of section three."—(Mr. Hogg.) Question put, That those words be there inserted;—Debate arising; Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Tellers for the ['Major Mott-Radclyffe', Yeas, 141]{Captain Blenkinsop : f 339.}

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Tellers for the ['Major Mott-Radclyffe', Yeas, 151]{Commander Agnew : f 334.}

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lancashire County Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of March next.

Mr. Secretary Bevin, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Final Act of the Civil Aviation Conference held at Bermuda between the 15th day of January and the 11th day of February 1946 and an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America relating to air services between their respective territories (with annex), signed at Bermuda on the 11th day of February 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Scottish Housing Advisory Committee on the provision of houses for owner-occupation in Scotland.

Mr. Secretary Westwood also presented.—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 26th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Parliamentary Constituencies and Local Government Areas (Electors) (Scotland). No. 91.

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

Mr. Bevan, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Colwyn Bay 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.

Sir Stafford Cripps, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Working Committee on China Clay (Working Committee).

Sir Stafford Cripps also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 27th February 1946, entitled the Corsets (Manufacture and Supply) (Apparel and Textiles) (No. 14) Directions, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th February 1946, made under Regulations 55 and 98 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of a General Licence, dated 21st February 1946, in respect of the supply of handkerchiefs to members of His Majesty's and allied and associated military and air forces.

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

Sir Ben Smith, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 19th February 1946—

(1) amending the Green Vegetables Order, 1945, the Home Grown Apples Order, 1945, the Leeks (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945, the Pears Order, 1945, the Root Vegetables Order, 1945, and the Soft Fruit Order, 1945, and

(2) entitled the Food (Revocation of Transport Provisions) Order, 1946.

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act of Parliament (including Education and Broadcasting, Pensions, Health Insurance, Unemployment Insurance and Assistance, Food and Supply Services, Roads and other grants and Exchequer Contributions to Local Authorities) Bill for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, viz.:

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Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Bill, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

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

The India (Central Government and Legislature) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1946 (Vote on Account). Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £865,885,000, 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, Food and Supply Services, Roads and other grants and Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues) for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, viz.:

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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, with respect to Defence Regulations relating to the Control of Transport (S.R. & O. 1945, No. 1623), a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of January last, be annulled—(Mr. Peter Thorneycroft) ; And a Debate arising thereupon ;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. And the Question being put, That the Question put, pursuant to S. O. (Closure of Debate), to put the said Question be now put ; The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Collindridge and Mr. Simms were appointed Tellers for the Yeas, but there being no Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Yeas had it.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Order in Council, dated 20th December 1945, with respect to Defence Regulations relating to the Control of Transport (S.R. & O. 1945, No. 1623), a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of January last, be annulled ;

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right ; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft ; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Simms ;

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

# PRAYERS...

A PETITION of the Trustees of the British Museum being offered to be presented ;

Mr. Secretary Ede, 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 whereof amount to Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds ; of a Bequest of the eighth Earl of Bridgewater the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four Hundred and One Pounds ; of a Bequest of Lord Farnborough the annual proceeds of which amount to about One Hundred and Twenty Dollars, with the annual proceeds of each of a Bequest of the late Mr. Peter Thorneycroft.

Mr. Secretary Ede, 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.

The House met at a quarter after Two of the clock.
Income Tax.

Order, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Gwili Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Warrant, dated 28th February 1946, appointing Robert Audley Furtado, Esquire, to be a Special Commissioner of Income Tax.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 22nd February 1946, entitled the Women’s Auxiliary Police Corps Rules, 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of His Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State, on or before the 27th day of November 1945, and are of opinion (1) that the Caledonian Insurance Company Order relates to matters outside Scotland to such an extent, and the Glasgow Corporation Order, so far as Clauses 15, 16, 23, 24 and 25 are concerned, raises questions of public policy of such novelty and importance, that they ought to be dealt with by Private Bill and not by Provisional Order, and (2) that, save as aforesaid, the Orders be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the several Orders.

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

Education.

Miss Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th February 1946, entitled the Reports to Local Authorities (Records) Regulations, 1946.

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

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Air Force officers and (2) the granting of awards for injury or death attributable to service in such posts.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Assurance Companies Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Agriculture (Artificial Insemination) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable effect to be given to certain provisions of the Charter of the United Nations; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Ministers of Lords to the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Bill, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Tees Conservancy Bill be committed to a Committee.

The Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Bill was, according to Order, read a second time:

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

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

Mr. Thomas Williams, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Miscellaneous Financial 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 extend the powers of the Treasury to raise money under section one of the National Loans Act, 1939, to make provision as to certain obligations arising out of or in connection with the war, to charge certain payments under the War Damage Act, 1943, on the Consolidated Fund, to provide for a temporary increase in the capital of the Civil Contingencies Fund, to amend the Defence Loans Act, 1937, and to increase the salary of the Comptroller and Auditor-General, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the raising under the National Loans Act, 1939, of—

(i) 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-seven, and in addition a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty million pounds; and

(ii) any money required for the purpose of providing any sums issued out
of the Consolidated Fund under sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (d) of this Resolution:

(b) the treating as a liability arising under a security issued under the National Loans Act, 1939, of any liability to make payments over a period of years which, under any agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and any other Government concerning obligations arising out of or in connection with the war, is accepted by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in respect of those obligations, or in respect of sums advanced by that other Government to enable those obligations to be discharged;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums advanced as aforesaid by the Government, and the issue thereof out of the Consolidated Fund for the purposes of discharging the said obligations;

(d) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required—

(i) for payments under the War Damage Act, 1943, by the War Damage Commission in respect of war damage, or in respect of interest on value payments or on payments to be made under section eighteen of that Act; or

(ii) for payments under the said Act by the Board of Trade in respect of war damage to goods or in respect of interest on any such payments; or

(iii) for increasing the capital of the Civil Contingencies Fund until the end of the year nineteen hundred and fifty by not more than two hundred and fifty million pounds; or

(iv) by reason of the increase, as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-six, of the salary of the Controller and Auditor-General to three thousand five hundred pounds per annum; and

(e) the payment into the Exchequer of all repayments of sums issued to the Civil Contingencies Fund under paragraph (d) of this Resolution, and the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the sums paid into the Exchequer under this paragraph and their application in redeeming or repaying debt.

(Remission of Debt).

The Public Works Loans Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Development (Ploughing Up of Land) [Money].

(In the Committee).

Clause No. 1 (Extension of power to make ploughing grants).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the words "fifth day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-six," and insert the words "thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-five."—(Mr. Hurd.)

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

Tellers for the Yeas.—Mr. Joseph Henderson, 137.

Mr. Simmonds, 70.

Tellers for the Nos.—Sir Arthur Young, Commander Agnew.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee on Agricultural Development (Ploughing Up of Land) [Money], a Resolution; which was read as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to reduce the period for which land must have been under grass in order that a ploughing grant may be made in respect thereof, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the moneys payable on account of ploughing grants, so far as that increase is attributable to any reduction of the said period.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Development (Ploughing Up of Land) Bill.

(In the Committee).

Mr. Thomas Williams, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Public Works Loans [Remission of Debt] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recom-
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.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Supply of the 4th day of February last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1945.

Class I

Vote 2. House of Commons
1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £20,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons.

Vote 12. Government Hospitality
2. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £15,000, 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 a grant in aid of the Government Hospitality Fund.

Vote 18. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund
3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £82,000, 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 making the payment due to the Local Loans Fund in respect of advances in Northern Ireland.

Vote 19. Royal Commissions, &c.
4. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £150,000, 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 the salaries and other expenses of Royal Commissions, Committees, and special enquiries, &c., including provision for shorthand.

Class VIII

Vote 3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c.
5. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £20,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for the expenses of pensions, compensation allowances and gratuities awarded to retired and disabled members and staff of the Royal Irish Constabulary, and to widows of such members, including annuities to the National Debt Commissioners in respect of commutation of compensation allowances and certain extra-statutory payments.

Class X

Vote 1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (War Services)
6. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for the cost of the war services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

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Secretary of State for Burma, and a grant in aid of military expenditure from Indian Revenues.

Class III

Vote 13. Prisons, Scotland

16. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10,550, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for salaries and expenses in connection with the administration of Scottish prisons, including the maintenance of criminal lunatics, defectives, and inmates of the State Inebriate Reformatory, and the preparation of judicial statistics.

Class IV

Vote 13. Public Education, Scotland

17. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £200,355, 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 public education in Scotland, including certain grants in aid of the Education (Scotland) Fund, and for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including a grant in aid.

Class IX

Vote 2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland

18. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,145,833, 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 General Exchequer Contribution and certain other grants to local authorities in Scotland.

Class III

Vote 2. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum

19. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £5,500, 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 1946, for the expenses of the maintenance of criminal lunatics in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

Vote 3. Police, England and Wales

20. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,270,000, 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 the salaries of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, and of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District; the contribution towards the expenses of the Metropolitan Police; the salaries and expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary; the cost of special services, and other grants in respect of Police expenditure, including a grant in aid of the Police Federation, and a contribution towards the expenses of the International Criminal Police Commission.

Vote 19. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland

21. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £409,300, 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 1946, for such of the salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature and Court of Criminal Appeal of Northern Ireland, and of the Land Registry of Northern Ireland, as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund, and other expenses, including certain expenses in connection with land purchase in Northern Ireland, and a grant in aid; and the salaries and expenses of the Pensions Appeal Tribunal in Northern Ireland.

Class VI

Vote 15. State Management Districts

22. 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 1946, for the salaries and expenses of the State Management Districts, including the salaries of the central office, and the cost of provision and management of licensed premises.

Class VII

Vote 4. Ministry of Works

23. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £2, 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 Works.

Class IX

Vote 1. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales

24. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £3,500,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Class III

Vote 6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., 1946.

25. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £9,000,000, 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 1946, for such of the salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature and Court of Criminal Appeal of Northern Ireland, and of the Land Registry of Northern Ireland, as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund, and other expenses, including certain expenses in connection with land purchase in Northern Ireland, and a grant in aid; and the salaries and expenses of the Pensions Appeal Tribunal in Northern Ireland.
Adjournment.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of February last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1945.

Class IV

Vote 1. Ministry of Education

That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,500,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, 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.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Supply (Supplementary) (Transitional).
Adjournment.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Nine 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 Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Great Western Railway.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newport (Isle of Wight) Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.


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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on the 5th day of December 1945, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of an Order dated 27th February 1946, entitled the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1946.

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

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

Mr. Grenfell reported from the Select Committee on Elections, That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred; and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Consideration of the Lords Amendment to the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Bill and on the Motions relating to Estimates be exempted at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read for resuming Defence, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the Statement relating to Defence (Cmd. 6743):—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House approves the Statement relating to Defence (Cmd. 6743).

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

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

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

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. Barton, Mr. Benson, Lieutenant-Colonel Birch, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Champion, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. Diamond, Mr. Douglas, Sir Ralph Glyn, Professor Gruffydd, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Mr. Howard, Wing-Commander Hulbert, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton, Captain Sir Peter Macdonald, Brigadier Medallicott, Mr. Mikardo, Flight-Lieutenant Parkin, Sir Frank Sanderson, Lieutenant-Colonel Sharp, Mr. Norman Smith, Mr. Thurtle, Sir Harold Webbe, Mr. William Wells, Mr. Frederick Willey and Mr. Willis.

Ordered, That Seven be the Quorum of the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint Sub-Committees and to refer to such Sub-Committees any of the subjects referred to the Committee; that any Sub-Committee so appointed have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House; and that the
Quorum of any Sub-Committee so appointed be Four.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

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Wednesday, 6th March, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled the Post-War Code of Pay, Allowances, Retired Pay and Service Gratuities for Commissioned Officers of the Armed Forces.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a General Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, together with certain Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the 13th day of February 1946 (His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have not yet acceded to the Convention).

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


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Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Select Committee on Members' Expenses. That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Agricultural Development (Ploughing Up of Land) Bill, without any Amendment.

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Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at Ten of the clock, adjourned till nine minutes before Ten of the clock.

Quorum of any Sub-Committee so appointed be Four.

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

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 followeth:


And the Question being again proposed, That the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be now read a second time;—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, while recognising the necessity for a subsidy to assist local authorities to provide houses to let at reasonable rents, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which makes no adequate provision for assisting the building of houses by private enterprise; gives no sufficient stimulus to the provision of houses for the agricultural industry; and makes no provision for assisting the conversion or reconditioning of houses"—(Captain Crookshank)—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 were:

Mr. Pearson, 

Mr. Simmons, 

Mr. Dresser, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Bevan, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Housing (Financial and 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 fresh arrangements for the making of contributions, grants and loans in connection with the provision of housing accommodation; to provide for matters subordinate to that purpose; to amend the enactments which relate to the making of contributions in respect of housing accommodation; to amend the law relating to the financial provisions of any expenses of the Minister of Health in making arrangements to the local authority in respect of each new house provided by the authority, not more than sixty annual contributions, each of them not to exceed—

(1) sixteen pounds ten shillings; or
(2) in the case of a house provided for the agricultural population, or a house provided by or in the exercise of the powers of the council of a county district which fulfils the conditions laid down by the said Act of the present Session with reference to the high level of the general rate and the financial burden of the authority in respect of housing, by not more than one-half of the contribution which the authority would otherwise be liable to make under the said Act in respect of the house.

The said limitation is that no such contribution shall be payable in respect of any such house unless the house has been approved by the Minister for the purposes of the said Act of the present Session or has, on or after the third day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-four, been approved by the Minister for the purposes of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1938, or, if not so approved, is a house completed after the end of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine.

B. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Minister in making, in respect of any house provided by a housing association otherwise than in pursuance of arrangements made under section ninety-four of the Housing Act, 1936, being a house for the construction of which building operations began between the end of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and the passing of the said Act of the present Session—

(a) the same contributions as would in the opinion of the Minister have been payable by him if the house had been provided by the local authority of the area; and
(b) in the case of a house likely to cause loss to the association, such additional annual contributions as may be provided by the said Act of the present Session—

(1) relating to the provision of housing accommodation in government war buildings;
(2) increasing to fifteen pounds the contributions which may be paid by the Minister in respect of a house under section three of the said Act of 1938, and varying the conditions with which arrangements under that section are required to comply;
(3) empowering the Minister to make contributions in respect of houses which have become vested in local authorities;
(4) providing for grants by the Minister in respect of houses constructed otherwise than by traditional methods;
(5) providing for grants by the Minister to housing associations established in pursuance of arrangements made by the Minister; and

C. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Minister attributable to any provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(1) to authorise, subject to the limitation hereinafter mentioned, the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Minister of Health in making arrangements to the local authority in respect of each new house provided by the authority, not more than sixty annual contributions, each of them not to exceed—

(1) sixteen pounds ten shillings; or
(2) in the case of a house provided for the agricultural population, or a house provided by or in the exercise of the powers of the council of a county district which fulfils the conditions laid down by the said Act of the present Session with reference to the high level of the general rate and the financial burden of the authority in respect of housing, by not more than one-half of the contribution which the authority would otherwise be liable to make under the said Act in respect of the house.

is at least four storeys high and which has had a lift installed therein, a sum determined in accordance with the last preceding paragraph plus seven pounds; each of the said contributions to be capable of being increased—

(a) in the case of a house the cost of which is increased by expenses attributable to the acquisition of rights of support, or otherwise attributable to measures taken for securing protection against the consequences of a subsidence of the site, by not more than two pounds; or
(b) if the authority by whom or in the exercise of whose powers the house is provided fulfils the conditions laid down in the said Act with reference to the high level of the general rate and the financial burden of the authority in respect of housing, by not more than one-half of the contribution which the authority would otherwise be liable to make under the said Act in respect of the house.

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The Noes to the Left.

The Yeas to the Right.

The House divided.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas were:

Mr. Pearson, 

Mr. Simmons, 

Mr. Pearson, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Draft of an Order in Council entitled the Ministry of War Transport (Dissolution) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of a Draft of an Order in Council entitled the Ministry of Aircraft Production (Dissolution) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 27th February 1946, entitled the Kitchen Waste (Licensing of Private Collectors) (Extension) Order, 1946.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Navy Estimates, 1946
Voted A. Numbers
1. Resolved, That 490,000 Officers, Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines be employed for the Sea Service together with 2,800 Royal Marine Police, 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, 1947.

Vote on Account
2. £150,000,000, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Navy Services.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1945
3. £10 (Supplementary) for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.

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Vote.

1. Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and of certain other personnel serving with the Fleet.

30,000,000

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.

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

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 98.]

Friday, 8th March, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Newport (Isle of Wight) Corporation Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Newport (Isle of Wight) 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.

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.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Church resolutions the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of a Scheme, made by the Glamorgan County Council and approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the application of the property transferred to and vested in the Council under the Welsh Church Acts, 1914 to 1945.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Universities of the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of a Statute, made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, on the 12th day of December 1945, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Directions—

(1) dated 4th March 1946, entitled the Knitted Goods (No. 5) Directions, 1946, and

(2) dated 6th March 1946, entitled the Utility Bedding (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Besant presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1946, entitled the Doncaster (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1946.

Copy of a Scheme made by the Kingston-London upon-Hull City Council and approved by the Government Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

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

Schedule containing Particulars of a Class of Public Records Documents existing or accruing in His Majesty's (Admiralty) Ships and Naval Establishments, or in the Admiralty, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The Straits Settlements (Repeal) Bill [Lords] Straits Settlements (Repeal) 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 Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

And, it being Four 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. Joseph Henderson);

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

[No. 99.]
Monday, 11th March, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Civil Services (Class X) for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.

Copy of the Fifty-fourth Annual Report of the Inspection Committee of Trustee Savings Banks (for the year ended the 20th day of November 1945).

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1946, entitled the Local Elections (Supplementary Provisions) (Strood Rural District) Order. 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th March 1946, entitled the Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Boars) (Scotland) Regulations, 1946.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 6th March 1946, entitled the Bedding (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 9) Directions, 1946.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Recommendations by the Executive Board of the United Maritime Authority regarding shipping arrangements for a limited transitional period after the 2nd day of March 1946.

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

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th March 1946, amending the Flour Order, 1945.

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

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
Copy of Rules of Court, dated 1st March 1946, Supreme Court entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1) (Procedure), 1946.

Account of the Wheat Fund showing the Wheat Fund. Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the year ended the 31st day of July 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That 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 Bills intended to be introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, should be first considered, and they had determined that the following Bill should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:—

Caledonian Insurance Company (Substituted Subs).

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas. Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Simmons:

Tellers for the Noes. Commander Agnew:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1945

Class II.

Vote 2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c.

1. £100,000 (Supplementary), for the expenses in connection with His Majesty's Embassies, Missions and Consular Establishments Abroad, and other expenditure chargeable to the Consular Vote; certain special grants and payments, including grants in aid; and sundry other services.


2. £340,000, for a contribution towards the expenses of the United Nations and for other expenses in connection therewith.

Vote 16. Financial assistance to Greece.

3. £10,000,000, for providing a credit to the Greek Government for the stabilisation of the Greek currency.
Vote 9. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.
4. £130 (Supplementary), for sundry Colonial and Middle Eastern Services under His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain non-effective services and grants in aid.

Class V.
Vote 15. Old Age Pensions.
5. £25,000 (Supplementary), for the payment of Old Age Pensions and pensions to blind persons, and for certain administrative expenses in connection therewith.

Class VII.
Vote 7. Royal Palaces.
6. £2,000 (Supplementary), for expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces, including a grant in aid.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Patents and Designs Bill [Lords].

The Patents and Designs Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) 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.

Building Restrictions (War-Time Contraventions) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Building Restrictions (War-Time Contraventions) 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.

Statutory Instruments Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Statutory Instruments 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.

Statutory Rules and Orders, &c.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., have power to take evidence, written or oral, from His Majesty's Stationery Office, relating to the printing and publication of any Rule, Order, or Draft.—(Sir Charles MacAndrew.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned 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 on Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

North West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copies of a Monetary Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Government, signed at London on the 12th day of March 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd February 1946, entitled the Artificial Insemination (Importation and Exportation of Semen and Imported Semen) (Scotland) Regulations, 1946.

Copy of Rules, dated 22nd February 1946, entitled the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps (Scotland) Rules, 1946.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a General Licence, dated 7th March 1946, signed at London on the 12th day of March 1946, entitled the Artificial Insemination (Imp- ortation and Exportation of Semen and Imported Semen) (Scotland) Regulations, 1946.

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

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1946, entitled the Artificial Insemination (Importation and Exportation of Semen and Imported Semen) (Scotland) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Falmouth Town 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. Bowles reported from Standing Committee D; That they had gone through the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir 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 (with Memoranda relating to certain Orders): And that Report was brought up and read, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Distribution of Industry (Development Areas) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 197), a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of February last, the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 211), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of February last, and the Drafts of the Department of Overseas Trade (Dissolution) Order, 1946, of the Ministry of War Transport (Dissolution) Order, 1946, and of the Ministry of Aircraft Production (Dissolution) Order, 1946, copies of which were presented on the 7th day of this instant March, 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 Improvement of Livestock (Licensing of Bulls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 223), a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of February last, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to it, on the ground that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the laying of it before Parliament.

They have also considered the Order, dated 1st February 1946, amending the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 158), a copy of which was presented on the 17th day of February last, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to it on the ground that its purport calls for elucidation.

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

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon London Necropolis Company Limited; for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The London Necropolis Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding Business of the anything in paragraphs (2) and (4) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply), the Air Supplementary Estimate, 1945, may be considered in Committee of Supply and may be taken after a quarter past Nine of the clock; and that the Proceedings of the Committee of Supply be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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

Air Estimates, 1946.

Vote A. Number for Air Force Service.

1. That a number of officers and airmen, not exceeding 760,000, all ranks, be maintained 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, 1947.

Vote on Account.

2. £150,000,000, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Air Force Services.

Air Supplementary Estimate, 1945.

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 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.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Patents and Designs Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.
Wednesday, 13th March, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Cheshire County Council Bill.

Lancashire County Council Bill.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill.

North-West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill.

Emergency Powers (Defence) and Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Bricks).

Coroners.

Treaty Series (No. 4, 1949).

Turkey (No. 1, 1949).

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty's Navy Command,—Estimates for the Navy for the financial year 1946.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a General Licence, dated 5th March 1946, in respect of the supply of Wearing Apparel for (Consumer Women and Girls).

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


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

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th March 1946, entitled the Controlled Surplus Stores—Clocks and Watches (No. 1) Order, 1946.

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


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Mr. Benson reported from the Select Committee on the Library (House of Commons), Second Report.

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 (Mortlake Crematorium Board) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Gershwil Hall presented a Bill to validate the election of Mrs. Freda Künzlen Corbet, Stanley Stephen esquire, and James Harrison esquire, to the House of Commons notwithstanding their holding certain offices; and to indemnify them from any penal consequences which they may have incurred by sitting and voting as members of that House; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

Tellers for the \text{Mr. Mathers, Yeas,} \{\text{Captain Blenkinsop :} 254,\text{Mr. Drewe, Noes,} \{\text{Commander Agnew :} 131,\text{So it was resolved in the Affirmative.\footnote{Mr. Robert Taylor reported, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Financial Provisions (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:}

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the powers of the Treasury to raise money under section one of the National Loans Act, 1939, to make provision as to certain obligations arising out of or in connection with the war, to charge certain payments under the War Damage Act, 1943, on the Consolidated Fund, to provide for a temporary increase in the capital of the Civil Contingencies Fund, to amend the Defence Loans Act, 1937, and to increase the salary of the Comptroller and Auditor-General, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the raising under the National Loans Act, 1939, of—

(i) 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-seven, and in addition a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty million pounds; and

(ii) any money required for the purpose of providing any sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund under sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (d) of this Resolution;

(b) the treating as a liability arising under a security issued under the National Loans Act, 1939, of any liability to make payments over a period of years which, under any agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and any other Government concerning obligations arising out of or in connection with the war, is accepted by His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom in respect of those obligations, or in respect of sums advanced by that other Government to enable those obligations to be discharged;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of any sum advanced as aforesaid by the other Government, and the issue thereof out of the Consolidated Fund for the purposes of discharging the said obligations;

(d) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required—

(i) for payments under the War Damage Act, 1943, by the War Damage Commission in respect of war damage, or in respect of interest on value payments or on payments to be made under section eighteen of that Act; or

(ii) for payment under the said Act by the Board of Trade in respect of war damage to goods or in respect of interest on any such payments; or

(iii) for increasing the capital of the Civil Contingencies Fund until the end of the year nineteen hundred and fifty by not more than two hundred and fifty million pounds; or

(iv) by reason of the increase, as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-six, of the salary of the Comptroller and Auditor-General to three thousand five hundred pounds per annum; and

(e) the payment into the Exchequer of all repayments of sums issued to the Civil Contingencies Fund under paragraph (d) of this Resolution, and the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the sums paid into the Exchequer under this paragraph and their application in redeeming or repaying debt.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Additional borrowing powers, &c.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Assheton.)

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

Tellers for the \{Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas,} \{Mr. Captain Stewart :} 288,\text{Mr. Drewe,} \{Major Conant :} 144.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 6 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the 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, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission of Debt], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session relating to local loans, it is expedient to authorise the remission of the unpaid balance of principal and all arrears of interest due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners in respect of a loan to John Henry Thompson, Annie Thompson and Arthur Thompson.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill.

(In the Committee.)

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.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Supply, of the 11th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read as follow:

Class VII.

Vote 7. Royal Palaces.

6. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £2,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, for expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces, including a grant in aid.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Police Bill into consideration the Police Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 1, p. 2, I. 8, and Clause No. 12, p. 13, I. 8, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Ede.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Deputy 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 Standing Committee, and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Several Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, I. 6, by inserting, after the word "scheme," the words "and comprising only members of the police authorities whose areas are amalgamated by the scheme."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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. 4, I. 27, by leaving out the words "one hundred," and inserting the word "sixty."—(Mr. Grimston)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "one hundred," stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Drewe.)

Tellers for the Noes, (Sir Arthur Young.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upwards," the words "or where a county borough has an authorised establishment of more than one hundred."—(Mr. Charles Taylor.)
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right. The Noses to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir Arthur Young, Yeas; Mr. Drew; Tellers for the Captain Stewart, Nos; Captain Bing; So 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. 4, l. 42, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—  
“Provided that a person appointed under this subsection to hold a local inquiry shall be selected from a panel of persons prepared by the Secretary of State after consultation with the Association of Municipal Corporations and the County Councils Association.”—(Mr. Grims-ton.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. Then other Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence. The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next at a quarter of an hour after Six of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lancashire County Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next at a quarter of an hour after Six of the clock.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th January 1946, entitled the Regulation of Payments (China) Order, 1946.

Copy of a Direction, dated 10th January 1946, relating to residents in China.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the City of Wells.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1946, making special provision with regard to the issue of family allowance to certain officers whose families occupied official married quarters at the date of their commissioning.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 4th March 1946, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

(2) dated 7th March 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1946, and

(3) dated 11th March 1946, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 11th March 1946, entitled the Furniture (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946.

Copy of Directions, dated 11th March 1946, entitled the Upholstery Cloth (Utility) (No. 6) Directions, 1946.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, a Copy of a Scheme made by the Horwich Urban District Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1946, Poor Law. entitled the South Eastern Counties Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Orders,—

(1) dated 19th October 1945, entitled the Mountain Ash and Rhondda Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1945, and

(2) dated 1st February 1946, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Burke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for the period from the 1st day of January 1939 to the 31st day of March 1944.

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

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

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

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

That in the case of the Great Western Railway Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with.—That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

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

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had added the following Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Patents and Designs Bill [Lords]):—Mr. Belcher, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Challen, Mr. Lewis Edwards, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. William Morrison, Mr. Sheffington-Lodge, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Tiffany and Sir Harold Weble.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in paragraphs (2) and (4) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply) the Army Supplementary Estimate, 1945, may be considered in Committee of Supply and may be taken after a quarter past Nine of the clock; that Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before 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.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1946.

Vote A. Number of Land Forces.

1. Resolved, That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 2,950,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom at Home and Abroad, exclusive of those serving in India on the Indian Establishment, during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1947.

Vote on Account.

2. £450,000,000, on account, for Army Services.

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1945.

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

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Vote

1. Pay, &c., of the Army £ 250,000,000

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.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1946, the sum of £27,821,848 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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 1947, the sum of £1,015,885,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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.

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

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

And, it being half an hour after the conclusion of the Business excepted 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 made upon the 16th day of August last, it being then twelve minutes before Ten of the clock, till to-morrow.
Friday, 15th March, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A BILL to empower the Great Western Railway Company to construct a railway and to acquire land in the County of Glamorgan; and for other purposes, was presented and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Interim Report of the Care of Children Committee.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th March, 1946, entitled the Sale of Strawberry Plants and Black Currant Bushes Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 158 relating to Private Business (Report of Attorney General in case of Bill affecting any charity or educational foundation),—Report by him on the Birmingham Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

The India (Central Government and Legislature) Bill [Lords] 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 Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to India (Central Government and Legislature) [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 amend the Government of India Act, 1935, with respect to the qualifications of members of the Governor-General's Executive Council, to extend temporarily the powers of the Indian Legislature to make laws, to amend subsection (4) of section one hundred and two of the said Act as to the effect of laws passed by virtue of a Proclamation of Emergency, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the revenues of India of such sums as may become payable therefrom by reason of any of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Arthur Henderson.)

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 Wednesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Arthur Henderson) —And a Debate arising thereupon ;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Shan States Federal Fund) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Arthur Henderson) —And a Debate arising thereupon ;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Arthur Henderson) —And a Debate arising thereupon ;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

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

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

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

[No. 104.]

Monday, 18th March, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March, 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 7th February 1946, authorising the temporary application of the Excesses of the Sums realised on account of Appropriations in Aid on certain Navy Votes for the year 1944, towards making good the Deficit in Receipts under other Votes for the same year.

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

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments, dated 5th March 1946, to the Reserved Posts (Other Services) Rules, 1938.

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

Mr. Secretary Lawson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimates for the Army for the financial year 1946.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th March 1946, entitled the General Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges and Miscellaneous Provisions) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 11th March 1946, entitled the Sales by Auction and Tender (Control) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Guildford 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. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Minister of War Transport upon the Caledonian Canal, with Account, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Minister of War Transport upon the Crinan Canal, with Account, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.

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

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th March 1946, entitled the Control of Kapok (No. 4) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 6th March 1946, entitled the Binder Twine Control (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946, and

(2) dated 13th March 1946, entitled the Control of Binder Twine (No. 5) Order, 1946.

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

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 8th March 1946, amending the Bananas Order, 1945.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Straits Settlements (Repeal) 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 the House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee of Supply Supply of the 7th day of this instant March, 1946, several Resolutions which were read, as follow:
Navy Estimates, 1946.

Vote A. Numbers.

1. That 490,000 Officers, Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines be employed for the Sea Service together with 2,800 Royal Marine Police, 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, 1947.

Vote on Account.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £150,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Navy Services which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1947.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1945.

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, 1946, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.

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

Captain Bing reported from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Air Estimates, 1946.

Vote A. Number for Air Force Service.

1. That a number of officers and airmen, not exceeding 760,000, all ranks, be maintained 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, 1947.

Vote on Account.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £150,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Air Force Services which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1946, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Air Services for the year.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the discipline and regulation of the Army and the Air Force: And that Mr. Secretary Lawson, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Strachey and Mr. Bellenger do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Bellenger accordingly presented a Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the discipline and regulation of the Army and the Air Force: Bill 92. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Captain Bing reported from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1946.

Vote A. Number of Land Forces.

1. That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 2,950,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom at Home and Abroad, exclusive of those serving in India on the Indian Establishment, during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1947.

Vote on Account.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £450,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Army Services which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1946, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Army Services for the year.

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1. 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 £27,821,548 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, the sum of £1,615,885,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. GLENVIL HALL do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. GLENVIL HALL accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That the Distribution of Industry (Development Areas) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946, No. 197), dated 16th February 1946, made by the Board of Trade under Section 7 of the Distribution of Industry Act, 1945, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of February last, be approved.—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the City of Wells, a copy of which Order was presented on the 14th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Blenkinsop); And, it being a quarter of an hour before Ten of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
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. Herbert Morrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Joseph Henderson and Mr. Simmons were appointed Tellers for the Yeas and Mr. McKie and Colonel Gomme-Duncan were appointed Tellers for the Noes; and the Tellers having come to the Table it was stated by Mr. Joseph Henderson that both Tellers for the Noes had failed to act as Tellers.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker declared that the Tellers for the Noes having failed to act, the Yeas had it.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Housing (Financial Provisions) (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.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session (hereinafter referred to as "the new Act") to make fresh provision for the making of contributions on the part of the Exchequer and by local authorities in respect of housing accommodation provided for the working classes in Scotland and for the making of payments and advances to the Housing association approved for the purposes of section two of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1938; to amend Part II of the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938; and for the purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient—

A. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State in making to a local authority—

(1) in respect of each new house provided by them in accordance with proposals approved by him under the new Act or under the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1938, by way of housing accommodation for the working classes and completed after the seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-four, an annual contribution for sixty years of the following amount, that is to say, twenty-one pounds ten shillings for a house of three apartments or less, twenty-three pounds for a house of four apartments, and twenty-five pounds ten shillings for a house of five or more apartments, and for each part of a hostel deemed to be a new house eleven pounds;

(2) where, by reason of the costliness of providing housing accommodation in a redevelopment area, or in tenements on a central site, or the purchase of, or the payment of compensation in respect of the demolition of, houses or other premises which are neither unfit for human habitation nor injurious or dangerous to health and which are included in or adjoin or are surrounded by a clearance area, the total annual expenditure likely to be incurred by the local authority in providing housing accommodation is substantially greater than the aggregate of the annual contributions which may be made as aforesaid and the corresponding contributions payable by the local authority, an additional annual contribution for sixty years not exceeding twenty pounds in respect of each house provided by way of such housing accommodation;

(3) in respect of a house in a tenement which, as to the whole or any part thereof, is at least four storeys high and which has a lift installed therein, an additional annual contribution for sixty years of seven pounds;

(4) where the total annual expenditure of a local authority in providing housing accommodation is likely to be substantially greater than the aggregate aforesaid by reason of the remoteness of the sites of any houses from centres of supply of building labour and material and the impracticability of obtaining for such houses higher rents than are ordinarily payable by persons employed in agriculture or fishing or in persons in the like economic condition, an additional annual contribution for sixty years of such amount in respect of such of the houses as may be sanctioned by the Treasury;

(5) such contributions as may become payable by reason of any provision of the new Act amending the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of section forty-seven of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, and authorising the payment in respect of any house provided on land acquired under that Act of the contributions as would be payable under the new Act if the house had been provided on land acquired under the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1925 to 1944.

B. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State in making to a local authority in respect of each new house provided by them in accordance with proposals approved by him under the new Act or under the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, by way of housing accommodation for the agricultural population and completed after the seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-four, an annual contribution for sixty years of such amount not being less than twenty-one pounds ten shillings or more than thirty-five pounds.
as he may, with the sanction of the Treasury determine, or, where he is satisfied that the expenditure of the local authority in respect of any house is by reason of the remoteness of the site thereof from centres of supply of labour and material, substantially greater than the equivalent of forty-one pounds ten shillings per annum for sixty years, or such greater amount as he may with the sanction of the Treasury determine.

C. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to any provisions of the new Act in making to a local authority—

(1) in respect of a house or accommodation deemed to be a new house, the cost of which is enhanced by expenses attributable to the acquisition of rights of support or otherwise attributable to measures taken for securing protection against the consequences of a subsidence of the site, or any additional annual contribution for sixty years not exceeding two pounds;

(2) In respect of any house or accommodation deemed to be a new house which has been provided by the local authority in accordance with proposals approved by the Secretary of State on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty and for the purposes of the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, or the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1938, contributions not exceeding the contributions payable under the new Act in respect of a house completed after the seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-four.

D. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to any provisions of the new Act—

(1) relating to the provision of housing accommodation in government war buildings;

(2) increasing to two hundred and forty pounds in the case of a three apartment house and to three hundred pounds in the case of a house of more than three apartments the maximum amount of the assistance which may be given under section four of the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938;

(3) enabling the Secretary of State to make payments in respect of houses which have become vested in local authorities;

(4) enabling the Secretary of State to make payments to the housing association approved for the purposes of section two of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1938, in respect of houses provided by them; and

(5) providing for contributions by the Secretary of State in respect of houses constructed otherwise than by traditional methods.

E. To authorise the issue of money out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of enabling the Secretary of State to make advances to the housing association approved for the purpose of section two or the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1938, and to authorise the Treasury for the purpose of providing such sums to raise money in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939.

F. To authorise the payment into the Exchequer of all sums received by the Secretary of State attributable to any provisions of the new Act and any sums received by him by way of interest on or repayment of any loan made out of moneys issued to him by the Treasury under the new Act, and to provide that any sums received by the Secretary of State by way of interest on or repayment of any such loan and paid into the Exchequer shall be issued out of the Consolidated Fund and be applied, in so far as they represent principal, 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. Secretary Westwood.)

Amendment proposed, in line 80, after the word "as," to insert the words "so to the Secretary of State to be just and reasonable and as"—(Major Macpherson.)

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

Main Question put, and agreed to.

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 an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Ministry of Overseas Trade (Dissolution) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Glengall Hall.)

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 an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Ministry of Aircraft Production (Dissolution) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Wilmot.)

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 an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Ministry of War Transport (Dissolution) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Strauss.)

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow,
The Great Western Railway Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Secretary Edie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,——Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1946, entitled the Undertakings (Revocation of Restrictions on Employment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1946.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of a Committee on Census of Distribution, appointed by the President of the Board of Trade.

Sir Stafford Cripps also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1946, entitled the Mechanical Lighters (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders:
1. dated 14th March 1946, entitled the Control of Paper (No. 74) Order, 1946, and
2. dated 15th March 1946, entitled the Minister of Supply and of Aircraft Production (Various Controls—Transfer to Supply) Order, 1946.

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 Water (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Water (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Dobbie reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Metropolitan Water Board Bill [Lords], and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had 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. Vol. 201.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order No. 6 as modified for this Session by the Order made upon the 15th day of August last, the Proceedings on any Private Business set down for consideration at a quarter of an hour after Six of the clock this evening by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, may be taken after a quarter of an hour before Eight of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be suspended, at this day's House.

The Cambellwell, Bristol and Nottingham Cambellwell, Bristol and Nottingham Elections (Validation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded National Service (Release of Conscientious Objectors) Bill to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the National Service (Release of Conscientious Objectors) Bill: And the same was read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 32, at end, insert—"(6) Where a direction under this section shall have effect only as respects the obligation subject to which the person in question was conditionally registered as a conscientious objector, and accordingly where he is employed in any occupation the leaving of which is subject to restrictions he shall not by reason of the direction be more favourably treated in relation to said restrictions than wartime workers in the occupation who have not been registered in the register of conscientious objectors.

In this subsection the expression ‘wartime worker’ means a person employed in an occupation who apart from war circumstances would not have been employed therein:"

being read a second time; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Isaacs); And it being a quarter of an hour after Six of the clock and there being Private Business set down for consideration at a quarter of an hour after Six of the clock this evening by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, under the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business), further Proceeding stood postponed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cheshire County Council Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That any Business of the House be postponed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lancashire County Council Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee on India (Central Government and Legislature) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Government of India Act, 1935, with respect to the qualifications of members of the Governor-General's Executive Council, to extend temporarily the powers of the Indian Legislature to make laws, to amend subsection (a) of section one hundred and two of the said Act as to the effect of laws passed by virtue of a Proclamation of Emergency, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the revenues of India of such sums as may become payable therefore by reason of any of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the India (Central Government and Legislature) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 7.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 10, p. 6, l. 13, and Clause No. 14, p. 7, l. 22, the new Clause (Compensation for certain officers of county councils), and the Amendments to the Second Schedule, p. 14, l. 28 and p. 14, l. 31, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Miss Wilkinson—(Miss Wilkinson).

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

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 10 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 14 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Compensation for certain officers of county councils)—(Miss Wilkinson)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Second 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 an Amendment therunto.

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.
Thursday, 21st March, 1946.

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 Addresses of the 19th day of this instant March relative to Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) had been presented to His Majesty ; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer : I have received your Addresses praying that the Department of Overseas Trade (Dissolution) Order, 1946, the Ministry of Aircraft Production (Dissolution) Order, 1946, and the Ministry of War Transport (Dissolution) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the respective drafts laid before Parliament. I have complied with your request.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, intended to be introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. :—

Glasgow Corporation Bill (Substituted Bill).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northmet Power Bill ;

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Local the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th March 1946, entitled the Local Elections (Supplementary Provisions) (Mablethorpe and Sutton Urban District) Order, 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaac presented, by His Majesty's Catering Command,—Report of the Catering Wages Commission, recommending variation of the field of operation of Catering Wages Boards to include certain catering activities of Local Authorities. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th March 1946, amending the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. :—

Northmet Power Bill.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the Road Traffic directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th March 1946, entitled—

(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946.
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1946.
(3) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946.

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

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee of Public Accounts :—

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee of Public Accounts ; That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices : And the Report was brought up and read.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Joseph Henderson ;

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 made upon the 16th day of August last, it being then thirteen minutes before Ten of the clock, till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairman), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Douglas Thomson Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 108.]

Friday, 22nd March, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Glasgow Corporation Bill.

A BILL to confer further police powers on the Corporation of the City of Glasgow and for other purposes, was presented and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, entitled the Herring Industry (Amending) Scheme, 1945.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copies of Orders in Council, dated 10th March 1946, approving an Admiralty Memorial under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, continuing in force certain increases in Naval pensions and other awards.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th March 1946, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946.

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

Orders for the Paper.

Mr. Wilmot—presented, pursuant to the directions of an Order of Parliament,—Copy of an Order dated 19th March, 1946, entitled the Board of Trade and Ministry of Supply (Various Controls) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th March 1946, entitled the Control of Timber (No. 40) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Viant; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Marquand.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Camberwell, Bristol and Nottingham Elections (Validation) Bill.

(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.

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 for the remainder of the present Session, the following paragraph shall have effect in substitution for paragraph (4) of the Standing Order (Questions to Members):—

(4) Any Member who desires an oral answer to his question may distinguish it by an asterisk, but notice of any such question must appear at latest on the Notice Paper circulated two days (excluding Sundays) before that on which an answer is desired. Provided that questions received at the Table Office on Mondays and Tuesdays before 2.15 p.m. and on Fridays before 11 a.m., if so desired by the Member, may be put down for oral answer on the following Wednesday, Thursday and Monday, respectively.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the Privileges, 27th day of November last, was made from the Committee of Privileges be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in their Report.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Adjourment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor); and it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until eighteen minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 109.]

Monday, 25th March, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The London Necropolis Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northmet Power Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the 2nd day of April next.

Mr. Glengall Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of the Thirty-third, Eighty-fourth, Eighty-fifth, Eighty-sixth, Eighty-seventh, and Eighty-eighth Reports of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Inland Revenue, for the years ended the 31st day of March 1940, the 31st day of March 1941, the 31st day of March 1942, the 31st day of March 1943, and the 31st day of March 1944 respectively.

Mr. Glengall Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Accounts of securities transferred, and money paid, to the National Debt Commissioners, and all securities insured, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1946, under the Government Annuities Act, 1929.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

(1) the Borough of Luton and
(2) the Urban District of Otley.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1946, entitled the Northern Ireland Road Transport Board (Execution of Work) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Mexico regarding compensation in respect of expropriated petroleum industrial properties, signed at Mexico City on the 7th day of February 1946.

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

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty's War Command,—Copy of a Report of the Board of Operations, Enquiry appointed to enquire into the circumstances in which the German battle cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneiseneau and cruiser Prinz Eugen proceeded from Brest to Germany on the 12th day of February 1942, and on the operations undertaken to prevent this movement.

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

Mr. Stracey presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimates for the Air Services for the financial year 1946.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th March 1946, entitled the Aliens Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th March 1946, entitled the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th March 1946, entitled the Vestry of St. Giles Without Cripplegate (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1946.

Copy of Orders in Council, dated 20th March 1946—

(1) amending Regulation 56A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and the Defence Recovery of Fines Regulations, 1942, and

(2) amending Regulation 56AB of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1946, entitled the Perambulators (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th March 1946, entitled the Minister of Supply and Board of Trade (Various Controls) (No. 1) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 28th February 1946.

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

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 20th March 1946, entitled—

(1) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 64) Order, 1946,
(2) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 65) Order, 1946,
(3) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 66) Order, 1946, and
(4) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 67) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th March 1946, amending the Edible Oils and Fats (Control of Sales) Order, 1944.

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

The following Accounts, 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 the Czechoslovak Refugee Fund for the year ending the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Mr. Thornton-Kemsey: and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Gage.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Water (Scotland) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

Captain Blenkinsop reported from the Committee on Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session (hereinafter referred to as "the new Act") to make fresh provision for the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and by local authorities in respect of housing accommodation provided for the working classes in Scotland and for the making of payments and advances to the housing association approved for the purposes of section two of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1938; to amend Part II of the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, by way of housing accommodation for the working classes and completed after the seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-four, an annual contribution for sixty years of the following amount, that is to say, twenty-one pounds ten shillings for a house of three apartments or less, twenty-three pounds for a house of four apartments, and twenty-five pounds ten shillings for a house of five or more apartments, and for each part of a hostel deemed to be a new house eleven pounds; (2) where, by reason of the costliness of providing housing accommodation, in a redevelopment area, or in tenements on a central site, or the purchase of, or the payment of compensation in respect of the demolition of, houses or other premises which are neither unfit for human habitation nor injurious or dangerous to health and which are included in or adjoin or are surrounded by a clearance area, the total annual expenditure likely to be incurred by the local authority in providing housing accommodation is substantially greater than the aggregate of the annual contributions which may be made as aforesaid and the corresponding contributions payable by the local authority, an annual contribution for sixty years not exceeding twenty pounds in respect of each house provided by way of such housing accommodation; (3) in respect of a house in a tenement which, as to the whole or any part thereof, is at least four storeys high and, which has a lift installed therein, an additional annual contribution for sixty years of seven pounds; (4) where the total annual expenditure of a local authority in providing housing accommodation is likely to be substantially greater than the aggregate aforesaid by reason of the remoteness of the sites of any houses from centres of supply of building labour and material and the impracticability of obtaining, for such
houses higher rents than are ordinarily payable by persons employed in agriculture or fishing or by persons in the like economic condition, an additional annual contribution for sixty years of such amount in respect of such of the houses as may be sanctioned by the Secretary of State in making to the Treasury;

(5) such contributions as may become payable by reason of any provision of the new Act amending the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of section forty-seven of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, and authorising the payment in respect of any house provided on land acquired under that Act of the like contributions as would be payable under the new Act if the house had been provided on land acquired under the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1925 to 1944.

B. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State in making to a local authority in respect of each new house provided by them in accordance with proposals approved by him under the new Act or under the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, by way of housing accommodation for the agricultural population and completed after the seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-four, an annual contribution for sixty years of such amount not being less than twenty-one pounds ten shillings or more than thirty-five pounds as he may, with the sanction of the Treasury, determine, or, where he is satisfied that the expenditure of the local authority in respect of any house is by reason of the remoteness of the site thereof from centres of supply of building labour and material, substantially greater than the equivalent of forty-one pounds ten shillings per annum for sixty years, of such greater amount as he may with the sanction of the Treasury determine.

C. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State in making to a local authority—

(1) in respect of a house or accommodation deemed to be a new house, the cost of which is enhanced by expenses attributable to the acquisition of rights of support or otherwise attributable to measures taken for securing protection against the consequences of a subsidence of the site, an additional annual contribution for sixty years not exceeding two pounds;

(2) in respect of any house or accommodation deemed to be a new house which has been provided by the local authority in accordance with proposals approved by the Secretary of State on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-four, for the purposes of the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, or the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1938, contributions not exceeding the contributions payable under the new Act in respect of a house completed at the seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-four.

D. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to any provisions of the new Act—

(1) relating to the provision of housing accommodation in government war buildings;

(2) increasing to two hundred and forty pounds in the case of a three apartment house and to three hundred pounds in the case of a house of more than three apartments the maximum amount of the assistance which may be given under section four of the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938;

(3) enabling the Secretary of State to make contributions in respect of houses which have become vested in local authorities;

(4) enabling the Secretary of State to make payments to the housing association approved for the purposes of section two of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1938, in respect of houses provided by them; and

(5) providing for contributions by the Secretary of State in respect of houses constructed otherwise than by traditional methods.

E. To authorise the issue of money out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of enabling the Secretary of State to make advances to the housing association approved for the purpose of section two of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1938, and to authorise the Treasury for the purpose of providing such sums to raise money in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939.

F. To authorise the payment into the Exchequer of all sums received by the Secretary of State under the new Act and any sums received by him by way of interest on or repayment of any loan made out of moneys issued to him by the Treasury under the new Act, and to provide that any sums received by the Secretary of State by way of interest on or repayment of any such loan and paid into the Exchequer shall be issued out of the Consolidated Fund and apply, in so far as they represent principal, 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. Mathers);

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 made upon the 16th day of August last, it being then twelve minutes after Ten of the clock, till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 26th March, 1946.

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 Bills, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Great Western Railway Bill.
- Portsmouth Corporation Bill.

*Ordered, That the Bills be committed.*

Mr. Glenvil Hall 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 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, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, 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 Westwood presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 28th February 1946. Copy of a Report of the Committee on Water Rating in Scotland.

*Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.*


*Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.*

Miss Wilkinson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Ministry of Education Estimates, 1946.

*Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.*

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1946, entitled the Control of Rags (No. 6) (Wiping Rags) Order, 1946.

*Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.*

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th March 1946, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946.

*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 (Foreign Office) accruing in His Majesty’s Diplomatic Missions abroad or transferred to the Foreign Office, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

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 (with Memoranda relating to certain Orders): And the Report was brought up and read, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Regulation of Payments (China) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 17) and the Direction, dated 10th January 1946, relating to residents in China (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 18), copies of which were presented on the 14th day of this instant March, and the Order, dated 8th March 1946, amending the Feeding Stuffs (Regulation of Manufacture) Order, 1944 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 338), a copy of which was presented on the 18th day of this instant March, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to them, on the ground that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the laying of them before Parliament.

*Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.*

Mr. Burden reported from Standing Committee B, that they had gone through the Patents and Designs Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

*Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.*

*Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.*

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D:—Mr. Barton and Mr. Mallalieu; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Grierson and Mr. Sheffington-Lodge.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following ten Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill):—Mr. William Adams, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Butley, Mr. Berry, Captain Chetwynd, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McAdam, Mr. Mitchison and Mr. Scott-Elliott.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.
- The Lords have agreed to the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Bill, without any Amendment.
- The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Loans Bill, without any Amendment.
- The Lords have agreed to the Cambridge, Bristol and Nottingham Elections (Validation) Bill, without any Amendment.
- The Lords have agreed to the India (Central Government and Legislature) Bill [Lords] without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the India (Central Government and Legislature) Bill [Lords] without any Amendment.

Henry George Strauss, Esquire, Member for the University of Durham, the Victoria University of Manchester, the University of Liverpool, the University of London, the University of Sheffield, the University of Birmingham, the University of Bristol and the University of Reading, was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—[Mr. Herbert Morrison);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

{Mr. Joseph Henderson, 271.
Captain Stewart :
{Tellers for the

{Mr. Drew, 145.
Commander Agnew:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of this present Session to make fresh arrangements for the making of contributions, grants and loans in connection with the provision of housing accommodation, to provide for matters subordinate to that purpose; to amend the enactments which relate to the making of contributions in respect of housing accommodation; to amend the law relating to the housing accounts of local authorities; and to facilitate the provision of housing accommodation in the Isles of Scilly, it is expedient—

A. To authorise, subject to the limitation hereinafter mentioned, the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Minister of Health in making to a local authority in respect of each new house provided by the authority, not more than sixty annual contributions, each of them not to exceed—

(1) sixteen pounds ten shillings; or

(2) in the case of a house provided for the agricultural population, a house provided by or in the exercise of the powers of the council of a county district which fulfils the conditions laid down by the said Act of the present Session with reference both to the rents obtainable from houses in the district and to the financial resources of the district, twenty-five pounds ten shillings; or

(3) in the case of a house on a site (that is to say, a site as determined in accordance with the said Act of the present Session) the cost of which as developed exceeds fifteen hundred pounds per acre, a sum rising from twenty-eight pounds ten shillings where that cost is not more than four thousand pounds to thirty-five pounds five shillings where that cost is not more than twelve thousand pounds, and then increasing by one pound ten shillings for each additional two thousand pounds or part thereof; or

(4) in the case of a flat in a block of flats which, as to the whole or any part thereof, is at least four storeys high and which has had a lift installed therein, a sum determined in accordance with the last preceding paragraph plus seven pounds;

each of the said contributions to be capable of being increased—

(a) in the case of a house the cost of which is increased by expenses attributable to the acquisition of rights of support, or otherwise attributable to measures taken for securing protection against the consequences of a subsidence of the site, by not more than two pounds;

(b) if the authority by whom or in the exercise of whose powers the house is provided fulfils the conditions laid down in the said Act with reference to the high level of the general rate and the financial burden of the authority in respect of housing, by not more than one-half of the contribution which the authority would otherwise be liable to make under the said Act in respect of the house.

The said limitation is that no such contribution shall be payable in respect of any such house unless the house has been approved by the Minister for the purposes of the said Act of the present Session or has, on or after the third day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-four, been approved by the Minister for the purposes of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1938, or, if not so approved, is a house completed after the end of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine.

B. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Minister in making, in respect of any house provided by a housing association otherwise than in pursuance of arrangements made under section ninety-four of the Housing Act, 1936, being a house for the construction of which building operations began between the end of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and the passing of the said Act of the present Session—

(a) the same contributions as would in the opinion of the Minister have been payable by him if the house had been provided by the local authority of the area; and

(b) in the case of a house likely to cause loss to the association, such additional annual contributions as may be provided by the said Act of the present Session.

C. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Minister attributable to any provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(1) relating to the provision of housing accommodation in government war buildings;
(2) increasing to fifteen pounds the contributions which may be paid by the Minister in respect of a house under section three of the said Act of 1938, and varying the conditions with which arrangements under that section are required to comply;

(3) empowering the Minister to make contributions in respect of houses which have become vested in local authorities;

(4) providing for grants by the Minister in respect of houses constructed otherwise than by traditional methods;

(5) providing for grants by the Minister to housing associations established in pursuance of arrangements made by the Minister; and

(6) providing for the making of contributions by the Minister in respect of housing accommodation in the Isles of Scilly.

D. To authorise the issue of money out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of enabling the Minister to make loans to housing associations, so, however, that the total amount so issued, less any sums which have been repaid, shall not at any time exceed fifteen million pounds, and to extend the purposes for which advances may be made out of the said Fund under section one of the Building Materials and Housing Act, 1945.

E. To authorise the Treasury, in order to provide money to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of enabling the Minister to make loans to housing associations, so, however, that the total amount so issued, less any sums which have been repaid, shall not at any time exceed fifteen million pounds, and to extend the purposes for which advances may be made out of the said Fund under section one of the Building Materials and Housing Act, 1945.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Exchequer Contributions in respect of housing accommodation provided by local authorities).

Amendment proposed in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "authority," to insert the words "or as a result of joint action by local authorities."

—(Mr. Sparks.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word "accommodation," to insert the words "and in respect of each new house provided by a housing association under arrangements made with such housing association under section forty-nine of the principal Act."—(Captain Crookshank.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Standard amount of exchequer contributions for flats, &c., on expensive sites).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 1, after the word "For," to insert the words "a house, or"

—(Mr. Braddock.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral Royal Assent.

Sir Geoffrey Blake, k.c.b., b.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. Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946.


10. Water (Scotland) Act, 1946.

11. Camberwell, Bristol and Nottingham Elections (Validation) Act, 1946.

12. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Mortlake Crematorium Board) Act, 1946.
The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Question, That the proposed words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, after the word "storey," to insert the words "whether above or below the surface of the ground adjoining the block."—(Captain Crookshank.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 12, to leave out from the word "block," to the third word "the," in l. 13.—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Local authorities' contributions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words "and where the house is provided by a housing association in accordance with arrangements made under section ninety-four of the Principal Act the local authority shall pay by way of annual grant to the housing association an amount not less than the annual rate fund contribution."—(Captain Crookshank.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 7 and 8 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 9 to 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Contributions in respect of temporary housing accommodation provided in certain war buildings.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 38, to leave out subsection (2).—(Captain Crookshank.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Amendment of section 3 of 1 & 2 Geo. 6, c. 13).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 34, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Joseph Henderson, 625.

Mr. Captain Blenkinsop:

Tellers for the

Mr. Drewe,

Mr. Studholme:

Clauses Nos. 14 and 15 agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Review of contributions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 21, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that no such reduction shall have effect so as to reduce the total of the contributions receivable in respect of any house in course of construction at the date specified in any schedule below the total of the contributions which would have been payable in respect of that house if no such orders had been made during the course of its construction."—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 17 agreed to.

Clause No. 18 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Duty of local authorities to reserve houses for agricultural population).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 4, after the word "houses," to insert the words "vested in them."—(Captain Crookshank.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 20 agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Amendment of law as to housing accounts).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words,—

"(3) If a local authority defray or have defrayed capital expenditure out of the proceeds of the general rate or other revenue for the provision of housing accommodation for the working classes under Part V of the Principal Act, it shall be lawful and be deemed always to have been lawful for the local authority in addition to debiting to the Housing Revenue Account kept by them under section one hundred and twenty-eight of the Principal Act the amounts to be debited thereto under section one hundred and twenty-nine of the Principal Act to debit to that account amounts in respect of any financial year commencing after the thirty-first day of March nineteen hundred and thirty-five not exceeding the amounts which they would have been entitled to debit to that account for the financial year in respect of loan charges if on the date on which such capital expenditure was defrayed they had borrowed the amount of such capital expenditure for the purposes of providing such housing accommodation; and all amounts debited to the said Housing Revenue Account under this subsection shall be deemed to be loan charges for the purposes of ascertaining whether there is a surplus or a deficit in the said Housing Revenue Account for the financial year concerned and the amount of any such surplus or deficit."—(Sir Harold Weebe.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 30, to leave out the word "four," and insert the word "six."—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

Question, That the word "four" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 22 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 23 to 26 agreed to.

A Clause (Exchequer contributions to be subject to prohibition of any rent increase without permission of Minister)—(Mr. Turner-Samuels)—brought up, and read the first time. Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, and time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Houses provided by conversion, &c., by persons other than local authority)—(Captain Crookshank)—brought up, and read the first time. Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

First and Second Schedule agreed to.

Third Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee in respect of the Amendment moved in that Committee to leave out sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 2 of the Schedule.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Mathers.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Notice was given this day that the following Member, being a Member representing a Scottish Constituency, was a Member of the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland and committed to a Standing Committee, under paragraph 2 of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees):—Mr. John Henderson.

[No. III.]

Wednesday, 27th March, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Horabin be discharged from the Committee of Selection and that Lieutenant-Colonel Byers be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Mathers.)

Lend-Lease, &c. (Settlement).

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Paper containing specific agreements regarding Settlement for Lend Lease, Reciprocal Aid, Surplus War Property, and Claims (with memorandum).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Trans-Jordan (No. I. 1946).

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Treaty of Alliance between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Highness the Amir of Trans-Jordan (with annex and notes exchanged), signed at London on the 22nd day of March 1946 (This Treaty has not been ratified by His Majesty).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, by His Exhibitions Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of a Committee appointed by the Secretary for Overseas Trade to consider the part which Exhibitions and Fairs should play in the promotion of Export Trade in the Post-War Era.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkin presented, by His Majesty's Town and Command,—Copy of an Interim Report of the New Towns Committee appointed by the Minister of Town and Country Planning and the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Mr. Silkin also presented, pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney-General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 158 relating to Private Business (Report of Attorney General in case of Bill affecting any charity or educational foundation),—Report on the High Wycombe Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of the House be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Simmons:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewes:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the new Clauses and the Amendments to the First Schedule, p. 12, ll. 23, 25 and 48, p. 13, l. 6 and p. 16, l. 27, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan and the Amendments to Clause No. 6, p. 7, l. 47 and p. 9, ll. 4 and 13 and the new Schedule standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Westwood,—(Mr. Key.)

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. 6 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Provisions as to inquiries)—(Mr. Key)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Power to extinguish certain public rights of way over land acquired)—(Mr. Key)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

First Schedule amended, and agreed to.
A Schedule (Public local inquiries in Scotland)—(The Lord Advocate)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 36, to leave out sub-paragraph (a).—(Mr. James Reid.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Schedule:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Yea, (Mr. Pearson, 

Captain Bing) 128.

Noo, (Mr. Studholme) 135.

Schedule added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments and added two Clauses to a Schedule to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Accommodation of displaced persons)—(Mr. William Morrison); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Sir Arthur Young, 

Major Conant) 132.

Mr. Joseph Henderson, 

Captain Bing) 264.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 44, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(b) that the land is not growing a crop of cereals, potatoes or sugar-beet; and"

—(Mr. Turton);

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 11, by leaving out from the word "the," to the end of the subsection, and inserting the words "Minister of Town and Country Planning"—(Mr. William Morrison)—instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Joseph Henderson, 

Mr. Hannan) 289.

Mr. Drew, 

Major Conant) 126.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 26, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that the confirming authority shall not give an authorisation under this or the preceding subsection enabling the acquiring authority to enter on or take possession of a building whereon the occupier carries on a trade or business unless alternative accommodation reasonably suitable for the purposes of that trade or business has been offered to him on reasonable terms by the acquiring authority."—(Lieutenant-Colonel Dover.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Studholme, 

Commander Agnew) 125.

Mr. Collindridge, 

Mr. Simons) 292.

So 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. 10, l. 20, by inserting, after the word "situated", the words "and, if the land comprised in the order is situated within the area of another local authority, serve upon that authority."—(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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 39, by inserting, after the word "land," the words "other than any such land as is referred to in the foregoing sub-paragraph (a))."—(Commander Galbraith.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 19, l. 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "or to land consisting of the whole or part of an agricultural building."—(Mr. York.)

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. 19, l. 14, by leaving out the word "fourteen," and inserting the word "twenty-one."—(Mr. William Morrison) instead thereof:
And the Question being put, That word ‘fourteen’ stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order, dated 5th March 1946, amending the Flour Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 312), be annulled. (Mr. Charles Taylor):—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Regulations, dated 13th March 1946, entitled the King’s Regulations as to Pay., Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances during the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, be annulled.—(Mr. John Mellor); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Marlowe); 40. Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Simmons); 202. So it passed in the Negative.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Pearson); And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 28th March 1946:

And the Question being put; Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty’s Gilling East Command,—Copy of a Report of an Inquiry by Lord Justice Tucker into a Case heard by Justices of the Gilling East Division in the Justice North Riding of Yorkshire.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) (Entering and Leaving United Kingdom), Local Government Elections.

Ordered, That a copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1946, entitled the Passenger Traffic Order, 1946.

Ordered, That a copy of an Order, dated 21st March 1946, amending the Local Elections (Supplementary Provisions) (Prudhoe Urban District) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series No. 8, 1946), between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Royal Hellenic Government relating to Money and Property situated in Greece and the United Kingdom, which have been subjected to Special Measures in consequence of the Enemy Occupation of Greece, signed at London on the 21st day of March 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Agreement (No. 6, 1946), of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) 1936.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Agreement of the House Green Paper, the Supplies and Services (Price Control).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Miss Wilkinison presented, pursuant to the Education. the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1946, entitled the Educational Services and Research Grant Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinnell presented, by His Majesty’s Fuel Policy. the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report by the Fuel and Power Advisory Council on Domestic Fuel Policy.

Mr. Shinnell also presented, pursuant to Hydrocarbon Oils during 1945. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1946, entitled the Loading of Ships (Ship Warrant Scheme) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Accounts of the Coal Commission for the Coal Mines year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with No. 111.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B,—Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Cuthbert.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that this House regrets the decision of His Majesty's Government not to reopen the Liverpool Cotton Market and considers that the system of bulk purchase under State control will hamper the manufacturer, increase the cost of cotton to the consumer and deprive this country of a valuable source of foreign exchange.—(Mr. Lyttelton);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the—

Mr. James Stewart,

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn;

Mr. Joseph Henderson,

Captain Stowell,

186.

337.

So it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Otley, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Sunday

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Luton, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Pearson).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Glasgow Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Inverness Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, and the Account of all Moneys received on account of Contracts for the Grant of Deferred Life Annuities and for Payments on Death under the provisions of the Government Annuities Act, 1929, and of the disposal thereof, and of the Contracrs made for 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1946, Import Duties entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 1) (Additional), Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1946, Import Duties entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 2) (Additional), Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1946, Import Duties entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 1) (Exemptions), Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1946, Import Duties entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 2) (Exemptions), Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1946, Import Duties entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 3) (Exemptions), Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd March 1946, entitling the Growers' Fixed Seed Prices (Scotland) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 23rd March 1946, entitling the Footwear (Manufacture) (No. 4) Directions, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th March, 1946, revoking the Elastic (Control of Use) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 22nd March 1946, amending the Bread (Control and Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1943.

(2) dated 22nd March 1946, entitled the Flour Confectionery (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946, and
Copy of a General Licence, dated 23rd March 1946, relating to the labelling of Table Jellies. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

(clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to).

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 Air Force Act, s. 72)—(Mr. Stephen)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time :—Motion and Clause by leave withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant March, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Shan States Federal Fund) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

And the Question being again proposed :—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming India (High Court Judges). The adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant March, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

And the Question being again proposed :—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant March, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Governor's Emergency Allowances, Repair of Furnishings) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament ;

And the Question being again proposed :—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Governor's Emergency Allowances, Repair of Furnishings) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

And the Question being again proposed :—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant March, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Shan States Federal Fund) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament ;

And the Question being again proposed :—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant March, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Shan States Federal Fund) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament ;

And the Question being again proposed :—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant March, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Shan States Federal Fund) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament ;

And the Question being again proposed :—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.
29th March—1st April.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Mid-Cornwall Joint Superannuation Committee, and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, by His Majesty's Coal Mines Command,—Copy of Quarterly Statistical Statements of output and of the costs of production, proceeds and profits of the coal mining industry for the first and second quarters of 1944 and 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Raw Materials), Order, dated 25th March 1946, entitled the Control of Wool (No. 27) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Bon Smith presented, by His Majesty's World Food Shortage Command,—Paper relative to the World Food Shortage.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1946, entitled the Family Allowances (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations, 1946.

Copy of Reports of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee on the Financial Condition of the General and Agricultural Accounts of the Unemployment Fund as at the 31st day of December 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Unemployment Insurance be printed.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

I wish to inform the House that I have received an invitation from Lord Justice Lawrence to visit him at Nuremberg in order to attend a session of the trial now being held there. I trust the House will wish me to accept this, as their representative, and will agree to my absence from two Sittings in the near future.

The House signified its assent.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister) ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Tellers for the

{257:

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Repeal of 17 & 18 Geo. 5, c. 72, and restoration of law in force before that Act). Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, at the beginning, to insert the words "With the exception of subsection (4) of section three."—(Mr. James Reid.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted. Debate arising;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

Question put, That the Question be now put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Yea,
Captain Bing : 269.

Tellers for the
Mr. Drewe,
Noe,
Commander Agnew : 133.

Question put accordingly, That the proposed words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Robert Taylor,
Yea,
Commander Agnew : 301.

Tellers for the
Lieutenant-Colonel Byers,
Noe,
Emrys Roberts : 128.

Question put accordingly, That the proposed words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Lieutenant-Colonel Byers,
Yea,
Emrys Roberts : 128.

Tellers for the
Mr. Robert Taylor,
Noe,
Commander Agnew : 305.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, at the beginning, to insert the words "With the exception of section four thereof and Schedules 1 and 2 thereto."—(Mr. Clement Davies.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted. Debate arising;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

Question put, That the Question be now put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Yea,
Captain Bing : 280.

Tellers for the
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Noe,
Commander Agnew : 280.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, at the beginning, to insert the words "With the exception of subsection (4) of section six."—(Mr. James Reid.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Arthur Young,
Yea,
Commander Agnew : 259.

Tellers for the
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Noe,
Commander Agnew : 261.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, at the beginning, to insert the words "With the exception of subsection (4) of section six."—(Mr. William Morrison.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Robert Taylor,
Yea,
Commander Agnew : 106.

Tellers for the
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Noe,
Commander Agnew : 259.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, at the beginning, to insert the words "With the exception of subsection (4) of section six."—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Question put, That the words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. De la Bere,
Yea,
Major Conant : 99.

Tellers for the
Mr. Robert Taylor,
Noe,
Mr. Hannan : 256.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. De la Bere);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. De la Bere,
Yea,
Mr. Hogg : 100.

Tellers for the
Mr. Robert Taylor,
Noe,
Mr. Simmons : 251.

Original Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Collindridge,
Yea,
Commander Agnew : 249.

Tellers for the
Mr. Drewe,
Noe,
Commander Agnew : 259.

Clause No. 2 agreed to. Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 24, to leave out from the word "and," to the word "and," in l. 27, and insert the words "shall be accompanied by a form of exemption notice."—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill,
and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Five of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Tuesday, 2nd April, 1946.
The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Northmet Power Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Inverness Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Glenuil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement on the National Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom during the years from 1938 to 1945.

Mr. Glenuil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st April 1946, entitled the Securities Exemption (Transfer from Custodian) Order, 1946.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 28th March 1946, to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Copy of Regulations, dated 28th March 1946, entitled the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 4) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 27th March 1946, entitled the Upholstery Cloth (Utility) (No. 7) Directions, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Gas Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1945.

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 Stirling Gas Light Company.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, by His Majesty's Railways Command,—Copy of Estimates of the pooled Revenue Receipts and Expenses and resultant net Revenue of the Controlled Railway Undertakings for 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 North West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills; That they had examined the allegations of the London Necropolis Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment 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 Deputy Chairman reported from the Great Western Railway Bill, the London Necropolis Bill [Lords], the North West Midlands Joint Electricity Provisional Order.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Douglas reported from Standing Committee E, That they had considered the Amendment in respect of which the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Bill was re-committed and had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and not amended on re-committal, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings No. 113 of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Ivor Thomas, supported by Mr. Herbert Civil Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Aviation Bill Mr. Wilmot, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Strachey, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to civil aviation and matters connected therewith, and, in particular, to secure the development of air transport services by corporations operating under public
The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses, relative to India and Burma, had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Amendment) Order, 1946, the Government of Burma (Shan States Federal Fund) Order, 1946, the Government of India (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1946, and the Government of Burma (Governor's Emergency Allowances, Repair of Furnishings) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the respective drafts laid before Parliament. I will comply with your request.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the North West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee. OrdeRed, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Receipts and Payments in respect of the Land Registry for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946. Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Coroners, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd April 1946, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the alteration of Coroners' Districts in the Administrative County of East Suffolk. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement (No. 7. 1946), between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Provisional Government of the French Republic relating to air transport between British and French territories (with annex, &c., and notes exchanged), signed at London on the 28th day of February 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Miss Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the Education, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 1st April 1946, entitled the Education (Local Education Authority) Grant Second Provisional Amending Regulations, 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, by His Workmen's Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th March 1946, entitled the Workmen's Compensation (Industrial Diseases) Order, 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Accounts of the National Health Insurance National 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 1944, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee E.—Mr. Norman Smith; and had appointed Committee E. in substitution Mr. Sheaffington-Lodge.
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 Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords], 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 Committee on Unopposed Bills; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords], and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and 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 thereon to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Burke, supported by Mr. Glensh Hall, presented a Bill to provide for raising further money for the development of the postal, telegraphic and telephonic systems and the repayment to the Post Office Fund of moneys applied thereout for such development; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;—

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Mr. Whiteley);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House desires to place on record the importance which it attaches to recruiting for the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines in order that these forces may be maintained in numbers and quality adequate for the tasks they have to perform in the modern world; and invites the First Lord of the Admiralty to take all the necessary measures to establish a suitable recruiting programme"—(Mr. Goronwy Roberts), instead thereof;

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House, accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Supply (Navy Estimates).

Naval recruiting.

Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords].

Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill (to be proceeded with under S.O. No. 64(A).)

Bill 100.

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 Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords], 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.

Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and Women's Royal Naval Service, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, in addition to the sum of £52,000,000 to be allocated for this purpose from the sum of £150,000,000 voted on account of Navy Services generally.

Whereon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Robert Taylor)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Pickthorn be discharged Public Accounts from the Committee of Public Accounts; Accounts, and that Mr. Cuthbert be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor);

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment:—

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Simmons);

And it being a quarter of an hour before Ten of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Pickthorn be discharged from the Committee from the sum of £150,000,000 to be allocated for this purpose from the sum of £150,000,000 voted on account of Navy Services generally.

Whereon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Robert Taylor)—put, and agreed to.

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And it being a quarter of an hour before Ten of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Pickthorn be discharged from the Committee from the sum of £150,000,000 to be allocated for this purpose from the sum of £150,000,000 voted on account of Navy Services generally.
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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Glasgow Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The North West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Gwelo Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account up to the 31st day of March 1946 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.

Copies of Orders, dated 28th March 1946, entitled—

(1) the Papermaking Materials (Charges) (No. 3) (Revocation) Order, 1946,
(2) the Sulphate of Ammonia (Charges) (No. 2) (Board of Trade) Order, 1946,
(3) the Sulphuric Acid (Charges) (No. 2) (Termination) Order, 1946, and
(4) the Timber (Charges) (No. 8) (Termination) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Inspector under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, for 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th March 1946, entitled the Malayan Union Order in Council, 1946.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th March 1946, entitled the Singapore Colony Order in Council, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 30th March 1946, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the Therapeutic directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th March 1946, entitled the Therapeutic Substances Amendment Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 29th March 1946, entitled—

(1) the Imported Green Vegetables Order, 1946, and
(2) the Imported Cherries Order, 1946.

Copy of Directions, dated 20th March 1946, supplementary to the Milk (Control and Maximum Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee E:—Major Comant; and had appointed in substitution Viscount Hinchingbrooke.

Mr. McEntee reported from the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons), That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report No. 175, was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker acquainted the House, Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Police Bill, and have added Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley); 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—Adjournment, (Mr. Robert Taylor).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 118.]
Friday, 5th April, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker's Presence. Prayers.

THE Clerk, at the Table, informed the House of the unavoidable absence 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.

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

(1) the County Borough of Gateshead, and

(2) the City of Leeds.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Police Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

The Lords agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Consolidation Bills.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Patents and Designs Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

United Nations Bill [Lords].

The United Nations Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Captain Stewart.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

United Nations [Money].

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to United Nations [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 effect to be given to certain provisions of the Charter of the United Nations it is expedient to authorize the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in applying any measures under Article 41 of the Charter of the United Nations signed at San Francisco on the twenty-sixth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-five.—(Mr. Philip Noel-Baker.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Douglas reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

Resolved, That this House approves the Burma Continuance in force of the Proclamation issued under Section 139 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, by the Governor of Burma on the 17th day of October 1945, a copy of which Proclamation was presented on the 22nd day of February last.—(Mr. Arthur Henderson.)

Resolved, That this House approves the Burma Failure of Constitutional Machinery. Proclamation (No. 1) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, (Exemptions). No. 211) dated 19th February 1946, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Bing); 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. (Captain Bing.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 119.]
Monday, 8th April, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London Necropolis Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Alexander presented, pursuant to the Greenwich direction of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Capital Fundation.
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 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th March 1946, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Information affecting Contributory Pensions and Family Allowances) Regulations (Scotland) 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd April 1946, entitled the Control of Wool (No. 28) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account showing the Money issued out of the Consolidated Fund and the Expenditure therefrom under the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944, for the period ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Housing (Temporary Accommodation) be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lords Message of the 5th day of this instant April relating to Consolidation Bills.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Order of the day being read for the Committee of Supply:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Ordered, That the House do now adjourn—Adjournment. (Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 9th April, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Glendower Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, and the Report was brought up, and be printed.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of the Clergy Pensions (Supplementary Pensions) Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Mr. Glendower Hall accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and 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 (with Memoranda relating to certain Orders): And the Report was brought up, and read, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Herring Industry (Amending) Scheme, 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of March last, and the Import Duties (Exemptions) Order (No. 1) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 419), and the Additional Import Duties (No. 1) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 420), copies of which were presented on the 29th day of March last, 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 Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1), 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 310), a copy of which was presented on the 11th day of March last, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to them, on the ground that they appear to make some unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statute under which they are made.

They have also considered the Control of Timber (No. 40) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 348), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of March last, and the Grass Seed (Growers’ Fixed Prices) (Scotland) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 410), a copy of which was presented on the 29th day of March last, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to them, on the ground that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the laying of them before Parliament.

Ordered, That the Report 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.

Continuance of Part I of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921. (Customs.)

1. Resolved, That the duties of customs chargeable under the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921, for a period expiring on the nineteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-six, shall continue to be chargeable for a further period of two years from the said day.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Coffee and Chicory extracts, &c. (Customs).

2. Resolved, That customs duties shall be charged on preparations consisting of or including extracts, essences or other concentrations of coffee or chicory imported into the United Kingdom at the following rates, that is to say—

preparations not being Empire products—the lb. (dry weight)—9\(\frac{1}{2}\)d.

preparations being Empire products—the lb. (dry weight)—7\(\frac{1}{2}\)d., or, where the preparation contains, as a part or ingredient thereof, any article which is liable to customs duty apart from this Resolution, with the duty aforesaid or with the duty chargeable in accordance with the Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1876, whichever is the higher.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Cocoa Drawback—Theobromine. (Customs.)

3. Resolved, That drawback under subsection (2) of section two of the Finance Act, 1940, which provides for a drawback on goods manufactured or prepared from cocoa, shall not be paid in respect of theobromine.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Entertainments Duty—Games and Sports, &c. (Excise.)

4. Resolved, That as respects payments for admission to entertainments held on or after the fifth day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-six, in subsection (2) of section one of the Finance Act, 1935 (which provides for reduced rates of entertainments duty in the case of stage plays and certain other entertainments) for the words "a circus or a travelling show" there shall be substituted the words "a circus, a travelling show, a menagerie or any game or sport other than the racing or trial of speed of animals, vehicles, vessels or aircraft."

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.)

Entertainments—Educational Entertainments. (Excise.)

5. Resolved, 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 a stage play, a ballet, a performance of music, the exhibition of a cinematograph film, a lecture, a recitation, an exhibition of artistic work or an industrial exhibition, being entertainments provided 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.

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.)

Passenger Aircraft Licences. (Excise.)

6. Resolved, That an excise duty of one pound shall be charged on licences, to be taken out annually by the owner of a passenger aircraft or his agent, authorising the sale of intoxicating liquor to passengers in the aircraft.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Purchase Tax (Exemptions and Reductions of Rates).

7. Resolved, That as from the tenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, subject to any subsequent order under section twenty of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940,—

(a) purchase tax shall cease to be chargeable in respect of goods of the classes specified in Part I of the Table set out at the end of this Resolution; and

(b) purchase tax shall become chargeable at the reduced rate and at the basic rate in respect of goods of the classes specified respectively in Parts II and III of the said Table, not being in any case goods of the classes specified in the third column of the Seventh Schedule to the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, or in Part I of the said Table.

Table.

Part I.

Classes of Goods becoming Exempt.

Upholstered mattresses with interior springs to which the mark shown in the Third Schedule to the Apparel and Textiles Order, 1942, is applied in a manner consistent with any requirements as to the manner of application thereof imposed by or under that Order or the Limitation of Supplies (Cloth and Apparel) Order, 1941, and having effect in relation to such goods.

The following articles of a kind used in the preparation or serving of food or drink (but not including goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares):—

1. Articles of china, porcelain, earthenware, stoneware or other potteryware.
2. Glassware, not being cut glass.
3. Hollow-ware of iron or steel (whether enamelled or not), aluminium, magnesium, copper or brass.
4. Articles of celluloid, bakelite or other plastic material derived from cellulose, casein, papier mache or synthetic resin.

Cupboards, dressers, draining boards and similar articles designed for use in kitchens.

Electric kettles and other cooking utensils incorporating heating elements (but not including goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares).

Thermal insulation covers designed for domestic water systems.
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PORTABLE LAMPS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS —
1. Hand lamps designed for operation from electric mains.
2. Head, side and tail lamps designed for use on railways.
4. Accessories for domestic stoves, grates, ranges and fireplaces, of the following descriptions:
   1. Fire bricks and similar articles designed for use as fuel economisers.
   2. Trivets and similar articles.

EPIDIASCOPES.
2. Clocks designed for use as public clocks with dials not less than two feet in diameter or with dials having a diagonal measurement of two feet six inches or more.
3. Typewriters, dictaphones, calculating machines and other office machinery. Cash registers.

PART II.

CLASSES OF GOOD BECOMING CHARGEABLE AT REDUCED RATE.
1. Vacuum flasks and vacuum jars, being flasks and jars of a kind used for domestic purposes (but not including goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares).
2. Lawn mowers and garden rollers.

PART III.

CLASSES OF GOOD BECOMING CHARGEABLE AT BASIC RATE.
1. Walking sticks and canes, being sticks and canes which, except for the ferrules, are wholly of wood.
2. Hair waving and hair drying machines.
3. Garden furniture (but not including garden ornaments).
4. Trunks, bags, wallets, jewel cases, pouches, purses, suitcases and similar receptacles being articles of leather, hide or skin, designed for use solely for the purposes of any trade, profession, employment or vocation and unsuitable for use for other purposes.
5. Photographic cameras.
6. Photographic enlargers.
7. Projectors for sub-standard film or for slides.
8. Lenses and other parts of, and accessories to, such cameras, enlargers or projectors as are mentioned in this Part of this Table.
10. Musical instruments, including gramophones, player pianos and other similar instruments, and accessories to, and parts of, musical instruments.

Gramophone records. Player piano records.

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Purchase tax—Processors.

8. Resolved, That as from such date as may be specified by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance (not being a date earlier than the passing of this Resolution)—
(a) purchase tax shall be charged where any process is applied to, or so as to produce, chargeable goods of a class specified by or under any such Act;
(b) all persons who, in the course of or for the purposes of their business, apply any process to, or so as to produce, any such goods shall be included among the persons who are, under the enactments relating to purchase tax, required to be registered;

(c) the said enactments shall have effect subject to such adaptations and modifications connected with the matters aforesaid as may be provided for by any such Act.—

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

INCOME TAX.

INCOME TAX.—Married women's earned income.
9. Resolved, That subsection (2) of section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1939 (as amended by subsequent enactments), provides, in the case of married persons, for an allowance in respect of wives' earned income of an amount equal to nine-tenths of that earned income or an allowance of eighty pounds, whichever is the less, shall have effect as if the words " seven-eighths " were substituted for the words " nine-tenths " and the words " one hundred and ten pounds " were substituted for the words " eighty pounds."

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.)

Income tax—Benefit and family allowances.
10. Resolved, That income tax shall be charged on benefit under any Act of the present Session relating to national insurance or any Act amending any such Act, and on family allowances payable under the Family Allowances Act, 1945, or any Act amending that Act.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)

Surtax on settled income.
11. Resolved, That where income arising during the lifetime of the settlor is by virtue or in consequence of a settlement made on or after the tenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six payable to or applicable for the benefit of any person other than the settlor, it shall, unless it is income from property of which the settlor has divested himself absolutely by the settlement, be treated for surtax purposes as income of the settlor; but this shall not apply to any income if the income is payable to or applicable for the benefit of an individual other than the settlor, and on family allowances payable under the Family Allowances Act, 1945, or any Act amending that Act.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

Excess profits tax—terminal provisions.
12. Resolved, That it is expedient to make provision as to the extent to which matters arising during any accounting period falling wholly or partly after such date as may be fixed by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance for the termination of excess profits tax can be taken into account for the purposes of excess profits tax.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

National defence contribution—effect of termination of excess profits tax.
13. Resolved, That section nineteen of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939 (which fixes the relation of excess profits tax to the national defence contribution) shall not apply to the national defence contribution for any accounting period or part of an accounting period falling after such date as may be fixed by any
Act of the present Session relating to Finance for the termination of excess profits tax, and that amendments consequential on the termination of excess profits tax shall be made in the enactments relating to the assessment and collection of the national defence contribution. — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Rates of estate duty.

14. Resolved, That, in the case of persons dying on or after the tenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, the scale of rates set out in the Table below shall be substituted for the scale of rates set out in the Sixth Schedule to the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, as the scale of rates of estate duty.

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—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Estate Duty—Gifts inter vivos etc.

15. Resolved, That, in the case of persons dying on or after the tenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, periods of five years and two years before the death shall be substituted for the periods of three years and one year before the death which are material for estate duty purposes in relation to gifts inter vivos and in certain other circumstances. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Stamps—Unit Trusts.

16. Resolved, That—

(a) the enactments imposing stamp duty shall, with such modifications as may be specified in any Act of the present Session relating to Finance, have effect as if units or other shares in property subject to unit trust schemes were stock, releases or reissues of such units (including issues of fresh units where other units have been released) were transfers, and bearer certificates in respect of such units were stock certificates to bearer, and where, whether before or after the passing of this Resolution, such bearer certificates as aforesaid have been issued before the passing of the said Act, stamp duty shall be charged in respect thereof when they are assigned, transferred or in any manner negotiated; 

(b) stamp duty shall be charged under the heading "Settlement" on the trust deed or other similar instrument of a unit trust whatever the nature of the property which becomes subject to the trusts and by reference to the amount or value of all such property, and shall be so charged as often as any property becomes subject to the trusts as if, on each occasion, a new deed or other instrument were executed in relation to the new property. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendment of Law.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect 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,—(Captain Stewart)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Captain Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 121.]

Wednesday, 10th April, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Belgium (No. 1, Majestry's Command,—Copy of a Treaty between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in the name of His Majesty The King of the Belgians regarding privileges and facilities for British forces in Belgium in connexion with the occupation of Germany and Austria, signed at Brussels on the 11th day of March 1946 (This Treaty has not been ratified by His Majesty).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Universities of the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Oxford and of Statutes, made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on the 20th day of June and the 24th day of October, 1945, amending the Statutes of the House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Gas Light and Coke Company [Lords].
- Leicester Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

The London Necropolis Bill [Lords] was London read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read for the Glasgow Second Reading of the Glasgow Corporation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Pensions directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 5th April 1946, entitled the Superannuation (Allocation of Pension) Rules, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 8th April 1946, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) (Drawback). Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, Return to Election Expenses.

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Northmet Power Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Mr. Speaker, laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for additional provision in the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

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Mr. Secretary Ede presented,—Return to Election an Address to His Majesty, dated the 17th day of August last, for a Return relative to Election Expenses.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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. 

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Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Final Act and Convention of the International Overfishing Conference, assembled at London from the 25th day of March to the 5th day of April 1946 (the Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd April 1946, making special provision with regard to Officers, Airmen, Airwomen, Women Medical and Dental Officers of His Majesty's Royal Air Forces and Officers of the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service respecting the payment of allowances during absence from duty in certain circumstances.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 6th April 1946, entitled the Braces (Manufacture and Supply) Directions, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th April 1946, entitled the Control of Timber (No. 41) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Railway Rates Tribunal (for 1945).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shimwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th April 1946, entitled the Electricity Commissioners Special Orders, &c., Rules, 1936, Relaxation (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Butcher reported from Standing Committee A; That they had gone through the National Insurance Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next ; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

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 Inverness Metropolitan Water Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Metropolitan Water Board Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable parts of licensing districts to be included, in certain cases, in licensing planning areas constituted under the Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1945 ; and to make further provision as to licensing planning committees under the said act and sub-committees thereof ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. 

(In the Committee)

Order of the Day. Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance.

Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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 its being 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 ninety 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.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 upon Monday next.
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Finance (Post-War Refunds of Income Tax) 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 relating to Finance, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums ascertained and recorded under section seven of the Finance Act, 1941, falling to be credited to a man of sixty-five years or upwards, a woman of sixty years or upwards, in respect of income tax for the year 1941-42, the year 1942-43, or the year 1943-44; 

(b) the borrowing of money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing the sums so issued. 

—(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 upon Monday next.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Finance (National Land Fund), 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 relating to Finance, it is expedient to authorise the extension of the purposes for which the Exchange Equalisation Account may be used so as to include the conservation or disposition in the national interest of the means of making payments abroad.—(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 upon Monday next.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

The Great Western Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—

Account of the sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the sum of fifty million pounds to a National Land Fund to be established under the said Act and used to make good any duty hereafter determined.—(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 upon Monday next.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Finance (Exchange Equalisation Account) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Finance 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.
Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Egyptian Government concerning the prolongation of existing arrangements regarding Egyptian foreign exchange requirements, exchanged at Cairo between the 1st and the 3rd day of April 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th April 1946, entitled the Fountain Pens (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account of the Cunard Insurance Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1944, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1945; and (2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; with Copy of the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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 Amendment of the London Necropolis Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That on and after the 30th day of this instant April, the Order (Sittings of the House) of the 15th day of August last, shall cease to have effect, and during the remainder of the present Session, until this House otherwise orders—

(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—

The House shall meet on Fridays at 11 a.m. for private business, petitions, orders of the day and notices of motions. Standing Order No. 1 (as amended by this or any other Order) shall apply to the sittings on Fridays with the omission of paragraph (r) thereof and with the substitution of references to 4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. for references to 10 p.m. and 10.30 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 for the references to a quarter past eight and a quarter past nine; and

(b) to sittings on Fridays, with the substitution of references to a quarter past one and a quarter past two for the references to a quarter past eight and a quarter past nine.

(4) In the paragraph substituted for paragraph (a) of Standing Order No. 7 by the Order (Business of the House (Questions to Members)) of the 22nd day of March last, for the reference to 2.15 p.m., there shall be substituted a reference to 2.30 p.m.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas.

Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Collindridge; Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Sydney Silverman.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Com-United Nations mittee on United Nations [Money], a Resolu- (as amended by United Nations tion; which was read, as followeth;

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable effect to be given to certain provisions of the Charter of the United Nations it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in applying any measures under Article 41 of the Charter of the United Nations signed at San Francisco on the twenty-sixth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-five.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the United Nations Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to. Clause No. 2 agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration. The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Police 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 Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House:—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Secretary Ede, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Post Office and Telegraph (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 raising further money for the development of the postal, telegraphic and telephonic systems and the repayment to the Post Office Fund of moneys applied therefor for such development, it is expedient—

(1) to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole fifty million pounds, as may be required for the purposes of such development or of such repayment;

(2) to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of terminable annuities or by the issue of Exchequer Bonds, for the purpose of providing money for sums so authorised to be issued or of repaying to the Consolidated Fund all or any part of the sums so issued and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums so borrowed;

(3) to provide for the payment of such terminable annuities, or of the principal of and interest on any such Exchequer Bonds, out of moneys provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, or, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

(Mr. Burke.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Viant reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That Professor Gruffydd be dis- Estimates, charged from the Select Committee on Estimates; and that Mr. Horabin be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the City of Leeds, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of Gateshead, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Henderson) ;

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, Captain Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 124.]

Monday, 19th April, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Glenvil Hall presented,—Return to an Civil Order, dated the 12th day of this instant April for a Return relative to the Civil Contingencies Fund.

No. 132.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to Civil List the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Pensions.

List of the Pensions granted during the year the ended the 31st day of March 1946, in pursuance of subsection (1) of Section 14 of the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Act, 1943, on loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board:—Also, Account up to the 31st day of March 1946 of the total sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of Guarantees given by the Treasury under subsection (1) of Section 14 of the Act, or received by way of repayment of any sums so issued.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Civil Contingencies Fund and Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) be printed.

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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 1943 and the 31st day of March 1944.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by a Court of Inquiry into a difference between the two sides of the National Council for the Omnibus Industry on the Trade Union application for a national wages and conditions agreement.

Mr. Isaacs also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order dated 11th April 1946, entitled the Essential Work (De-scheduling) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other grants for Members of the Military Forces and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children, Parents and other Dependents of such Members deceased, in consequence of Service during the 1939 World War.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ivor Thomas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Eire relating to air services to, in and through their respective territories, signed at London on the 5th day of April 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th April 1946, entitled the Tomatoes Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Education Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the United Nations Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Education Bill, Lords to the Education Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read for the Supply Committee of Supply:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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:

1. Patents and Designs Act, 1946.

And the Question being again proposed, Supply

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

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 is of opinion that the post-war conditions of service detailed in Command Papers 5715 and 6750 fail to offer a sufficient inducement to attract adequate numbers into the Army by voluntary enlistment, and regrets the failure of His Majesty's Government to state how the strength of the Army is to be made up as between voluntary and compulsory intake, to state the liability of men for service in the reserve and to define the future composition of the Territorial Army within this framework,"—(Lieutenant-Colonel Corbett)—instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Collindridge, 238.
Mr. Simmons:

Tellers for the Noes: Lieutenant-Colonel Corbett, 100.
Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Main Question being put;  
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.  
(In the Committee.)  
Army Estimates, 1946.  
Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army.  

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £76,421,000, 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 1947, in addition to the sum of £445,500,000 to be allocated for this purpose from the sum of £450,000,000 voted on account of Army Services generally.  

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Robert Taylor)—put, and agreed to.  

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;  
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again 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 Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1) 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 310), dated 1st March, 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 11th day of March last be annulled—(Sir John Mellor):—It passed in the Negative.  

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)  

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.  

[No. 125.]  
Tuesday, 16th April, 1946.  
The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.  

PRAYERS.  

Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords].  

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.  

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.  

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Monetary Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Portuguese Government, signed at London on the 16th day of April 1946.  

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Treaty Series Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America concerning the interchange of Patent Rights and Information, signed at Washington, on the 27th day of March 1946.  

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.  

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order, entitled the India and Burma (Burma Monetary Arrangements) (Amendment) Order, 1946.  

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.  

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 12th April 1946,—  
(1) revoking the Vitamin C (Control) Order, 1945, and  
(2) revoking the Directions, dated 7th May 1942, under the Food Transport Order, 1941.  

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.  

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Direction, dated 11th April 1946, entitled the Coal Distribution Order, 1943, General Direction (Restriction of Supplies) No. 13.  

Copies of Permits, dated 13th April 1946, entitled—  
(1) the General Permit (Controlled Premises) No. 6, and  
(2) the General Permit (Restriction of Heating) No. 5.  

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.  

Mr. Silkin presented, by His Majesty's Town and Country Command,—Copy of the Second Interim Report of the New Towns Committee appointed by the Minister of Town and Country Planning and the Secretary of State for Scotland.  

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.  

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—  
Account of the War Risks (Marine) Insurance Fund for each of the years ended the 31st day of March 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.  

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.  

Sir Douglas Thomson reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills; That they had gone through the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereto.  

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 30th day of this instant April; and be printed.  

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.  

Mr. Viant reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 9th day of
December last and the 20th day of February last, and had further examined the Petition presented upon the 21st day of November 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.

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 Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill, without any Amendment.

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 the County Palatine of Chester, the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Crewe, the Urban District Councils of Middlewich, Nantwich, Northwich, Sandbach and Winsford, and the Rural District Councils of Congleton, Nantwich and Northwich; to vest in the said Board the water undertakings of the constituent authorities; to authorise the Board to supply water; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board Bill (Lords) was read a second time.

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Key, presented a Bill to amend the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1930:

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Business of the House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be exinated, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Whitelaw.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Whitelaw.)

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 deplores the continuance of His Majesty's Government's failure of the Act to carry out the intentions of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the

Resolved, That the Herring Industry (Amendment) Scheme, 1945, under Section 2 (7) of the Industry. Herring Industry Act, 1935, a copy of which Scheme was presented on the 22nd day of March last, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Westwood.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, 1. 28, leave out from the word "Schedule," to end of 1.

And the Bill.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £7,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Pay, &c., of the Air Force, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, in addition to the sum of £10,500,000 to be allocated for this purpose from the sum of £25,00,000 voted on account of Air Services generally.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Robert Taylor)—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 be 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 accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Captain Bing, 239; Sir Thomas Dugdale, Air-Commodore Harvey, 124.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative, and the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Air Estimates, 1946.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £7,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Pay, &c., of the Air Force, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, in addition to the sum of £10,500,000 to be allocated for this purpose from the sum of £25,00,000 voted on account of Air Services generally.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Robert Taylor)—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 the Herring Industry (Amendment) Scheme, 1945, under Section 2 (7) of the Industry. Herring Industry Act, 1935, a copy of which Scheme was presented on the 22nd day of March last, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Westwood.)

Resolved, That this House approves the India (Failure of Proclamation issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, by the Governor of Madras, on the 30th day of October 1939, and of his Proclamations varying the same issued on the 15th day of February 1943, and the 29th day of September 1945, copies of which were presented to this House on the 28th day of November, 1939, the 16th day of March 1943, and the 12th day of October 1945, respectively.—(Mr. Arthur Henderson.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill: And the Bill, same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, 1. 28, leave out from ("Schedule") to end of 1. 37, the first Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment—Special Entry, ment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order in Council, dated 20th March 1946, amending Regulation 56A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and the Defence (Recovery of Fines) Regulations, 1942 (S. & O., 1946, No. 371), a copy of which was presented on the 23rd day of March last, be annulled.—(Mr. James Reid).—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Captain Crookshank moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Deputy Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Major Boyd-Carpenter, Yeas;
Mr. Charles Taylor: ] 76.
Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes;
Mr. Pearson: ] 282.
So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Imported Cherries Order, 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 4th day of this instant April, be annulled—(Mr. Spence);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Spence, Yeas;
Mr. Charles Taylor: ] 60.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes;
Mr. Joseph Henderson: ] 250.
So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Imported Green Vegetables Order, 1946 (S. & O., 1946, No. 472), dated 29th March 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 4th day of this instant April, be annulled—(Mr. Spence);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Spence, Yeas;
Mr. Charles Taylor: ] 63.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes;
Mr. Joseph Henderson: ] 249.
So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Acquisition of Land (Authority Procedure) Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 126.]

Wednesday, 17th April, 1946.

The House met at a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Glasgow Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next, at Seven of the clock.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper relative to the Inaugural Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development held at Savannah, Georgia, U.S.A., between the 8th and the 18th day of March 1946.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th April 1946, entitled the Regulation of Payments (Consolidation) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede 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 1945, by Commissioners, Board of Control.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th April 1946, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, Compulsory Purchase (Contemporaneous Procedure) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th April 1946, entitled the Women's and Maids' Outerwear ( Manufacturers' Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Direction, dated 17th April 1946, entitled the Railways (Revocation of Transport Restrictions) Direction, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Central Electricity Board (for 1945).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

That in the case of the Gas Light and Coke Company [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; That the parties be permitted to insert their additional provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

That in the case of the Leicester Corporation Bill [Lords], Petition for additional provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; That the parties be permitted to insert their additional provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Silkin, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Beaver, Mr. Balcher, and Mr. Fred Marshall, presented a Bill to provide for the creation of new towns by means of development corporations, and for purposes connected therewith; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 30th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

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.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 30th day of this instant April.—(The Prime Minister.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Tuesday the 30th day of this instant April," and adding the words "Wednesday next"—(Sir Wavell Wakefield)—instead thereof; And the Question being put, That the words "Tuesday the 30th day of this instant April," stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas; Mr. Captain Ring; Tellers for the [Sir Wavell Wakefield, Noes, Sir Arnold Gridley; 261. 141.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put; Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 30th day of this instant April.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Bill, be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The Yeas divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas; Mr. Captain Ring; Tellers for the [Mr. Drewe, Noes, Commander Agnew; 261. 141.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means and of the 9th day of this instant April, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

CUSTOMS, EXCISE AND PURCHASE TAX.

Continuance of Part I of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921. (Customs).

1. That the duties of customs chargeable under the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921, for a period expiring on the nineteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-six, shall continue to be chargeable for a further period of two years from the said date.

Coffee and Chicory extracts, &c. (Customs).

2. That customs duties shall be charged on preparations consisting of or including extracts, essences or other concentrations of coffee or chicory imported into the United Kingdom at the following rates, that is to say—preparations not being Empire products—

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Coffee and Chicory extracts, &c. (Customs).

3. That drawback under subsection (2) of section two of the Finance Act, 1921 (which provides for a drawback on goods manufactured or prepared from cocoa) shall not be paid in respect of theobromine.

Entertainments Duty—Games and Sports, &c. (Excise).

4. That as respects payments for admission to entertainments held on or after the fifth day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-six, in subsection (3) of section one of the Finance Act, 1935 (which provides for reduced rates of entertainments duty in the case of stage plays and certain other entertainments) for the words "a circus or a travelling show" there shall be substituted the words "a circus, a travelling show, a menagerie or any game or sport other than the racing or trial of speed of animals, vehicles, vessels or aircraft."

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.

Entertainments—Educational Entertainments. (Excise).

5. That in lieu of the exemption from entertainments duty of entertainments provided for partly educational purposes by a society, institution or committee not established for profit, there shall be an exemption of entertainments which consist of a stage
Passenger Aircraft Licences. (Excise).

6. That an excise duty of one pound shall be charged on licences, to be taken out annually by the owner of a passenger aircraft or his agent, authorising the sale of intoxicating liquor to passengers in the aircraft.

Purchase Tax (Exemptions and Reductions of Rates).

7. That as from the tenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, subject to any subsequent order under section twenty of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940,—

(a) purchase tax shall cease to be chargeable in respect of goods of the classes specified in Part I of the Table set out at the end of this Resolution; and

(b) purchase tax shall become chargeable at the reduced rate and at the basic rate in respect of goods of the classes specified respectively in Parts II and III of the said Table, not being in any case goods of the classes specified in the third column of the Seventh Schedule to the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, or in Part I of the said Table.

Table.

Part I.

Classes of Goods becoming Exempt.

Upholstered mattresses with interior springs to which the mark shown in the Third Schedule to the Apparel and Textiles Order, 1942, is applied in a manner consistent with any requirements as to the manner of application thereof imposed by or under that Order or the Limitation of Supplies (Cloth and Apparel) Order, 1941, and having effect in relation to such goods.

The following articles of a kind used in the preparation or serving of food or drink (but not including goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares):

1. Articles of china, porcelain, earthenware, stoneware or other potteryware.
2. Glassware, not being cut glass.
3. Hollow-ware of iron or steel (whether enameled or not), aluminium, magnesium, copper or brass.
4. Articles of celluloid, bakelite or other plastic material derived from cellulose, casein, papier mache or synthetic resin.
5. Cupboards, dressers, draining boards and similar articles designed for use in kitchens.
6. Electric kettles and other cooking utensils incorporating heating elements (but not including goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares).
7. Thermal insulation covers designed for domestic water systems.
8. Portable lamps of the following descriptions:
   1. Hand lamps designed for operation from electric mains.

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2. Head, side and tail lamps designed for use on railways.
4. Accessories for domestic stoves, grates, ranges and fireplaces, of the following descriptions:
   1. Fire bricks and similar articles designed for use as fuel economisers.
   2. Trivets and similar articles.

Epidioscopes.

Sensitised document base paper, transparent tracing paper base and tracing cloth.

Clocks designed for use as public clocks with dials not less than two feet in diameter or with dials having a diagonal measurement of two feet six inches or more.

Typewriters, dictaphones, calculating machines and other office machinery. Cash registers.

Part II.

Classes of Goods becoming chargeable at reduced rate.

Vacuum flasks and vacuum jars, being flasks and jars of a kind used for domestic purposes (but not including goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares).

Lawn mowers and garden rollers.

Part III.

Classes of Goods becoming chargeable at basic rate.

Walking sticks and canes, being sticks and canes which, except for the ferrules, are wholly of wood.

Hair waving and hair drying machines.

Garden furniture (but not including garden ornaments).

Trunks, bags, wallets, jewel cases, pouches, purses, suitcases, and similar receptacles being articles of leather, hide or skin, designed for use solely for the purposes of any trade, profession, employment or vocation and unsuitable for use for other purposes.

Photographic cameras.

Photographic enlargers.

Projectors for sub-standard film or for slides.

Lenses and other parts of, and accessories to, such cameras, enlargers or projectors as are mentioned in this Part of this Table.

Unexposed sensitised photographic paper, cloth, plates and film.

Musical instruments, including gramophones, player pianos and other similar instruments, and accessories to, and parts of, musical instruments.

Gramophone records. Player piano records.

Purchase tax—Processors.

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8. That as from such date as may be specified by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance (not being a date earlier than the passing of this Resolution)—

(a) purchase tax shall be charged where any process is applied to, or so as to produce, chargeable goods of a class specified by or under any such Act;

(b) all persons who, in the course of or for the purposes of their business, apply any process to, or so as to produce, any such goods shall be included among the persons who are, under the enactments relating to purchase tax, required to be registered;

(c) the said enactments shall have effect subject to such adaptations and modifications connected with the matters aforesaid as may be provided for by any such Act.

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INCOME TAX.

Income tax—Married women's earned income.

9. That subsection (2) of section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1940 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides, in the case of married persons, for an allowance in respect of wives' earned income of an amount equal to nine-tenths of that earned income or an allowance of eighty pounds, whichever is the less) shall have effect as if the words "seven-eighths" were substituted for the words "nine-tenths," and the words "one hundred and ten pounds" were substituted for the words "eighty pounds."

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient to make provision in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provincial Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

Income tax—Benefit and family allowances.

10. That income tax shall be charged on benefit under any Act of the present Session relating to national insurance or any Act amending any such Act, and on family allowances payable under the Family Allowances Act, 1945, or any Act amending that Act.

Surtax on settled income.

11. That where income arising during the lifetime of the settlor is by virtue or in consequence of a settlement made on or after the tenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, payable to or applicable for the benefit of any person other than the settlor, it shall, unless it is income from property of which the settlor has divested himself absolutely by the settlement, be treated for surtax purposes as income of the settlor; but this shall not apply to any income if the income is payable to an individual for his own use or is applicable for the benefit of an individual in the settlor's lifetime, and the individual to whom it is payable or for whose benefit it is applicable is neither in the service of the settlor nor accustomed to act as the settlor's solicitor or agent.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Excess profits tax—terminal provisions.

12. That it is expedient to make provision as to the extent to which excess profits arising during any accounting period falling wholly or partly after such date as may be fixed by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance for the termination of excess profits tax can be taken into account for the purposes of excess profits tax.

National defence contribution—effect of termination of excess profits tax.

13. That section nineteen of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939 (which fixes the relation of excess profits tax to the national defence contribution) shall not apply to the national defence contribution for any accounting period or part of an accounting period falling after such date as may be fixed by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance for the termination of excess profits tax, and that amendments consequential on the termination of excess profits tax shall be made in the enactments relating to the assessment and collection of the national defence contribution.

Rates of estate duty.

14. That in the case of persons dying on or after the tenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, the scale of rates set out in the Table below shall be substituted for the scale of rates set out in the Sixth Schedule to the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, as the scale of rates of estate duty:

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Excess profits tax—terminal provisions.

16. That—

(a) the enactments imposing stamp duty shall, with such modifications as may be specified in any Act of the present Session relating to Finance, have effect as if units or other shares in property subject to unit trust schemes were stock, releases or reissues of such units (including issues of fresh units where other units have been released) were transfers, and bearer certificates in respect of such units were stock certificates to bearer, and where, whether before or after the passing of this Resolution, such bearer certificates as aforesaid have been issued before the passing of the said Act, stamp duty shall be charged in respect thereof when they are assigned, transferred or in any manner negotiated; and

(b) stamp duty shall be charged under the heading "Settlement" on the trust deed or other similar instrument of a unit trust whatever the nature of the property which becomes subject to the trusts and by reference to the amount or value of all such property, and shall be so charged as often as any property becomes subject to the trusts as if, on each occasion, a new deed or other instrument were executed in relation to the new property.

The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Second Resolution being read a second time; and a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Amendment of Law.
That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Joseph Henderson reported from the Committee on Finance (Post-war Refunds of Income Tax), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to Finance, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums ascertained and recorded under section seven of the Finance Act, 1941, falling to be credited to a man of sixty-five years or upwards or a woman of sixty years or upwards, in respect of income tax for the year 1941-42, the year 1942-43, or the year 1943-44:

(b) the borrowing of money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing the sums so issued.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Joseph Henderson reported from the Committee on Finance (National Land Fund), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to Finance, it is expedient to authorise the issue of any sums ascertained and recorded under section twenty-three of the Finance Act, 1928, as amended by any subsequent enactment.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Joseph Henderson reported from the Committee on Finance (Exchange Equalisation Account), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to Finance, it is expedient to authorise the extension of the purposes for which the Exchange Equalisation Account may be used so as to include the conservation or disposition in the national interest of the means of making payments abroad.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Joseph Henderson reported from the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means of the 11th day of this instant April, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the
said Resolution and upon the other Resolutions
reported from the Committee of Ways and Means,
and the Resolutions reported from the
Committees on National Debt (Permanent
Annual Charge), Finance (Post-war Refunds
of Income Tax), Finance (National Land Fund)
and Finance (Exchange Equalisation Account),
and agreed to this day, and that the Chairman
of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the
Exchequer and Mr. Glendis Hall do prepare and
bring it in.

Finance (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Glendis Hall 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
to make further provision in connection with
Finance; And the was read the first
time; and ordered to be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 30th day of this instant
April; and to be printed.

Import Duties
(Exemptions).

Resolved, That the Import Duties (Exemptions)
(No. 1) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946,
No. 419), dated 25th March 1946, made by the
Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932,
a copy of which Order was presented on the
29th day of March last, be approved.—(Mr.
Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Import Duties
(Additional).

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties
(No. 1) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946,
No. 420), dated 26th March 1946, made by the
Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932,
a copy of which Order was presented on the
29th day of March last, be approved.—(Mr.
Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Acquisition of
Land
(Authorisation
Procedure) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded
to take into consideration the Amendments
made by the Lords to the Acquisition of Land
(Authorisation Procedure) Bill; And the same
were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amend-
ment in p. 22, l. 33, being read a second time,
were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 22, l. 33, at end,
insert ("and as soon as may be after the author-
isation has been given or the decision has been
taken to refuse it the confirming authority shall
send to any person who has made representa-
tions with respect thereto specifying an address
for the purposes of this paragraph, notification
thereof in a registered letter by post to the
address specified.").

The next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that
the object of the Amendment was to carry out
the intentions of the Commons, the same was
agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments,
being read a second time, were agreed to.

Consolidation
Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Gooch be discharged from
the Select Committee appointed to join
with a Select Committee appointed by the
Lords on Consolidation Bills, and that Mr.
Stanley Evans be added to the Committee.—
(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That this House do now adjourn
—(Mr. Joseph Henderson)

And the House having continued to sit till
after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning,
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:

3. Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Act, 1946.

Adjournment.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

And, it being Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, till Tuesday the 30th day of this instant April, pursuant to the Resolutions of the House yesterday.

[No. 128.]

Tuesday, 30th April, 1946.

The House met at half 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 Arthur Jenkins, Esquire, Member for the County of Monmouth, (Pontypool 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.:—Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Reports from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, Central London Ophthalmic Hospital (Amalgamation, &c.) [Lords]; West Sussex County Council (Shoreham and Lancing Beaches, &c.) [Lords].

Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

A Motion being made, That the Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;—The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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 Order (Presentation of Command Papers) were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Belgian Government regarding claims arising out of incidents involving members of His Majesty's Forces, made at Brussels, between the 1st and the 25th day of June 1945.

Copy of Correspondence between His Iraq (No. 2, Majesties Government in the United Kingdom 1946) and the Iraqi Government concerning the prolongation of existing arrangements regarding Iraqi foreign exchange requirements, exchanged at Bagdad on the 8th day of April 1946.

Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, Housing State for Scotland relative to the New Towns Bill.

Copy of a Memorandum by the Secretary of State for Scotland relative to the New Towns Bill.

Copy of a Housing Return for England and Housing, Wales, dated 31st March 1946.

Copy of a Memorandum by the Minister of Town and Country Planning relative to the New Towns Bill.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom in the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended the 31st day of March 1946; and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day.

Account up to the 31st day of March 1946, of the total Sums issued from 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.
Public Loans and Guarantees

Account up to the 31st day of March 1946, of Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given by the Treasury under Section 25 of the Finance Act, 1934.

Appropriations in Aid.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 27th April 1946, in pursuance of the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Export Credits (Special Guarantees).

Greek Loan of 1898.

Account up to the 31st day of March 1946, 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 Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Account relative to Public Income and Expenditure be printed.

Fire Services

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th April 1946, entitled—

(1) the National Fire Service (General) Regulations, 1946; and
(2) the National Fire Service (Preservation of Pensions) Regulations, 1946.

Metropolitan Police District.

Accounts of the Metropolitan Police Fund, showing the Sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police and Police Courts between the 1st day of April 1945 and the 31st day of March 1946 and the Receipts and Payments of the Metropolitan Police Loan Account, from the 1st day of April 1935 to the 31st day of March 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

European Jewry and Palestine

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Anglo-American Committee of Enquiry regarding the problems of European Jewry and Palestine, made at Lausanne on the 20th day of April 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th April 1946, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945 (Particulars and Forms of Orders and Notices) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

India

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Proclamations issued under section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935—

(1) on the 2nd day of April 1946, by the Governor of Bihar, and
(2) on the 3rd day of April 1946, by the Governor of Bombay.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th April 1946, further amending in certain respects His Majesty's Order dated 4th July 1946, which made special provision with regard to the issue of pay and allowances of deceased and missing Officers and Airmen, and of temporary allowances to their dependants.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Orders in Council, dated 18th April 1946, entitled—

(1) the Newport Harbour Commissioners (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1946, and
(2) the Leith Harbour and Docks Commissioners (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th April 1946, entitled the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th April 1946, entitled the Bulls (Somerset) (Control) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th April 1946, entitled the Services Laundry (Maximum Charges) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Orders in Council, dated 18th April 1946,relative to—

(1) the Defence (Parliamentary Under Secretaries) Regulations, 1940, and
(2) the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st March 1946, entitled the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders—

(1) dated 13th April 1946, amending the Flour Order, 1945,
(2) dated 18th April 1946, amending the Oat Products (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1945,
(3) dated 18th April 1946, amending the Cheese (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1945,
(4) dated 18th April 1946, amending the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1946,
(5) dated 23rd April 1946, amending the Fats (Points Rationing) Order, 1945,
(6) dated 23rd April 1946, amending the Potatoes (1945 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1945,
(7) dated 25th April 1946, amending the Imported Apples Order, 1945, and
(8) dated 25th April 1946, entitled the Cucumbers Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of a General Licence, dated 18th April 1946, under the Food Rationing Orders, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th April 1946, entitled the Control of Rates of Hire of Plant (Exemption) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th April 1946, entitled the Bricks (Range of Prices) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ivor Thomas presented, 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, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes, dated 16th April, 1946, entitled—

(1) the Silicosis and Asbestosis (Medical Arrangements) Amendment Scheme, 1946,
(2) the Various Industries (Silicosis) Amendment (No. 2) Scheme, 1946,
(3) the Asbestos Industry (Asbestosis) Amendment Scheme, 1946,
(4) the Metal Grinding Industries (Silicosis) Amendment Scheme, 1946, and
(5) the Sandstone Industry (Silicosis) Amendment Scheme, 1946.

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:

Supreme Court (Procedures).

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Public Records (Office of the Public Trustee).

Cable and Wireless Bill.

Message from the Lords.

Rotherham Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Cable and Wireless Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer powers upon the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the county borough of Rotherham for the acquisition of land in the borough and the erection of houses thereon and the development thereof; to authorise the construction of an arterial road and street improvements and the acquisition of land for sundry purposes; and to make further provision with regard to the transport water and gas undertakings of the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses and the health local government and improvement of the borough; and for other purposes, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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The Order of the day being read, for the National Health Service 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;

And, it being Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

Mr. Robert Taylor; And, it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the National Health Service 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;

And, it being Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Trade Facilities, presented upon the 30th day of April last, be printed.
Ordered, That the Account relative to Public Loans and Guarantees, presented upon the 30th day of April last, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement supplementary to the Anglo-French Financial Agreement of the 27th day of March 1945, signed at London on the 29th day of April 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 1st day of April 1946 by the Governor-General of India under Section 102 of the Government of India Act, 1935, revoking the Proclamation of Emergency made on the 3rd day of September 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. George Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of Pensions, &c., granted under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1935, during the ended the 31st day of March 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th April 1946, entitled the Second Hand Goods (Maximum Prices, Maximum Charges and Records) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th April 1946, entitled the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreement Charges). Message from the Lords.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth :

The Lords have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to empower the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company to construct works and to acquire lands and for other purposes ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill (Lords) was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Wilmat, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary Bevin, Sir Stafford Cripps, and Mr. Woodburn presented a Bill to provide for the development of atomic energy and the control of such development, and for purposes connected therewith ; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next ; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the National Health Service Bill be now read a second time ; and the Question being again proposed — The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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 wishing to establish a comprehensive health service, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which prejudices the patient's right to an independent family doctor; which retards the development of the hospital services by destroying local ownership, and gravely menaces all charitable foundations by diverting to purposes other than those intended by the donors the trust funds of the voluntary hospitals; and which weakens the responsibility of local authorities without planning the health services as a whole "—(Mr. Willink)—instead thereof ; and the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question ;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Benson and Mr. Thuistle be estimators, discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates; and that Mr. Hector Hughes and Mr. Mayhew be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor).

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel Orders), and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Cowes Urban District Council, which was presented on the 21st day of March last, and published, be approved.—(Mr. William Foster).

Ordered, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel Orders) on the application of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Stirling Gas Light Company, which was presented on the 2nd day of April last, and published, be approved.—(Mr. William Foster).

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor); and, it being Ten 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. Pearson).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 130.]

Thursday, 2nd May, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Teignmouth.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Civilian Clothing). Copied of an Order, dated 25th April 1946, entitled the Sanitary Fireclay Ware (Prices) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan 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) Rhondda Urban District Council.
(2) Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Town Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of an Order, dated 24th April 1946, entitled the Bricks (Range of Prices) (No. 1) (Second Amendment) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Foreign Office, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

National Health Service Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which yesterday was proposed to be made to the Question, proposed upon the 30th day of April last, That the National Health Service Bill be now read a second time—

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word 'That,' to the end of the Question, and add the words 'this House, while wishing to establish a comprehensive health service, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which prejudices the patient's right to an independent family doctor; which retards the development of the hospital services by destroying local ownership, and gravely menaces all charitable foundations by diverting to purposes other than those intended by the donors the trust funds of the voluntary hospitals; and which weakens the responsibility of local authorities without planning the health services as a whole'—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put—

The House divided.

Yeas, 339.
Mr. Joseph Henderson;
Captain Steuart;
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn;
Mr. Stuart;
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.

Tellers for the
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Noses, 172.
Mr. Bevan;
Mr. Bevan;
Mr. Joseph Henderson;
Sir Arthur Young.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn;
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn;
Mr. Joseph Henderson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Bevan, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to National Health 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.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive health service in England and Wales and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of

(a) expenses incurred by the Minister of Health in the exercise of his functions under the said Act, the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890 to 1930, or the Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913 to 1938;

(b) compensation payable to medical practitioners in respect of losses suffered by reason of any provision of the said Act prohibiting the sale of medical practices, the aggregate amount of such compensation not exceeding the appropriate proportion determined in accordance with the said Act of sixty-six million pounds, and interest on that compensation;

(c) grants payable to local health authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by them in carrying out their functions as such authorities or in defraying expenses of any joint board exercising such functions, being grants not exceeding, in the case of any authority, three quarters of the expenditure so incurred by that authority;

(d) sums necessary to defray the expenditure of Regional Hospital Boards constituted under the said Act (including the expenditure of Hospital Management Committees so constituted in exercising functions on behalf of such Boards) and the expenditure of Boards of Governors so constituted for teaching hospitals;

(e) expenses incurred by other bodies constituted under the said Act;

(f) remuneration and travelling and subsistence allowances payable to members of bodies constituted under the said Act;
Education Bill.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Post Office and Telegraph (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, to provide for raising further money for the development of the postal, telegraphic and telephonic systems and the repayment to the Post Office Fund of moneys applied therefor for such development, it is expedient—

(1) to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole fifty million pounds, as may be required for the purposes of such development or of such repayment;

(2) to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of terminable annuities or by the issue of Exchequer Bonds, out of moneys provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, or, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill.

(And Mr. Speaker, as Speaker of the Lords, to a Committee.)

Order. That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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 Monday next.

Special Entry.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Education Bill:
And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 33, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 33, leave out from beginning to (" any ") in line 36 and insert (" If as a result of any action taken by the council of a county in consequence of the functions of any of their functions relating to education are, or are to be, exercised in accordance with a scheme of divisional administration,"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 37, leave out (" that ") and insert (" the principal "), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 44, leave out (" county "), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Post Office and Telegraph (Money).

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Post Office and Telegraph (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, to provide for raising further money for the development of the postal, telegraphic and telephonic systems and the repayment to the Post Office Fund of moneys applied therefor for such development, it is expedient—

(1) to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole fifty million pounds, as may be required for the purposes of such development or of such repayment;

(2) to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of terminable annuities or by the issue of Exchequer Bonds, for the purpose of providing money for sums so authorised to be issued or of repaying to the Consolidated Fund all or any part of the sums so issued and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums so borrowed.

(3) to provide for the payment of such terminable annuities, or of the principal of and interest on any such Exchequer Bonds, out of moneys provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, or, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill.

(And Mr. Speaker, as Speaker of the Lords, to a Committee.)

Order. That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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 Monday next.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of an Order, dated 1st May 1946, entitled the Purchase Tax Exemptions (No. 2) Order, 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan 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) Oldham Town Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved that this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food).

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th April 1946, amending the Bread (Control and Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1943. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.) Civil Estimates, 1946.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £21,476,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, including grants to local authorities, associations and other bodies in respect of employment exchange and other services; expenses of training, transfer, rehabilitation and resettlement; expenses in connection with national service; contribution towards the expenses of the International Labour Organisation (League of Nations); expenses of the Industrial Court and the National Arbitration Tribunal; and sundry services.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Captain Stewart)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Stewart); And, that 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—(Captain Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the National Health Service Bill to Standing Committee C.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Bowles Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the National Health Service Bill.

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Monday, 6th May, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 2nd April 1946, authorising temporary increase in fees in the Court of Session and the Sheriff Court (Scotland).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to Goods and Services (Price Control), the copies of Orders, dated 29th April 1946, entitled

(a) the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1946, and
(b) the Aluminium Hollow-ware (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

Copy of Directions, dated 29th April 1946, entitled the Upholstery Cloth (Utility) (No. 8) Directions, 1946.

Copy of Directions, dated 29th April 1946, entitled the Domestic Furniture (Utility Mark) Directions, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 29th April 1946, entitled the Furniture (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 29th April 1946, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (No. 8) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilmot presented, by His Majesty's Iron and Steel Command,—Paper entitled Reports by the British Iron and Steel Federation and the Joint Iron Council to the Minister of Supply.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Miss Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the Education, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th April 1946, entitled the Training of Teachers Grant Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food), the Copy of an Order, dated 29th April 1946, amending the Rye (Control of Mills and Products) Order, 1942.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The following Account, 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 March 1946, as Investments for Moneys, forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of National Insurance under subsection (3) of Section 58 and subsection (9) of Section 114 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Account 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. Herbert Morrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 give a Second Reading to a Bill which arrests the development of the new industry of civil aviation by confining all passenger and freight services, present or future, to Government monopoly corporations; refuses the partnership of experienced aviation and transport undertakings; vests all real control of operation and finance in the Minister; involves the taxpayer in heavy subsidies which are passed on to the travelling public; affords no security to independent charter operators, and denies to the travelling public any effective appeal against inadequate services or excessive charges"—(Mr. Lennox-Boyd)—instead thereof;

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—

The House divided.

The Yeas were as follows:

Mr. Pearson, 315.
Mr. Simmons, 126.
Mr. Studdholme.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Sir Stanley Holmes):—It passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Civil Aviation [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to civil aviation and matters connected therewith, and, in particular, to secure the development of air transport services by corporations operating under public control, it is expedient—

1. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Civil Aviation in making, to the undertakings mentioned in that behalf in the said Act, in respect of periods not later than the end of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, grants not exceeding in the aggregate eighty-four million pounds, and in making advances on account of any such grants;

2. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums which, by virtue of the provisions of the said Act or any instrument made thereunder, are payable out of such moneys otherwise than in respect of grants to such undertakings as aforesaid and advances on account thereof;

3. To charge on and issue out of the Consolidated Fund any sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling any guarantee given by them in pursuance of the said Act, subject to the limitation that the aggregate amount outstanding of the principal of the stock and loans in respect of which guarantees are so given does not at any time exceed thirty million pounds, except in so far as that limit is exceeded for the purpose of redeeming stock which may properly be redeemed or of paying off a loan;

4. To charge on and issue out of the Consolidated Fund any additional sums required to be so charged and issued by reason of any provision of the said Act increasing the amounts in respect of which guarantees may be given under section sixteen of the British Overseas Airways Act, 1939, subject to the limitation that the aggregate amount outstanding of the principal of the stock and loans in respect of which guarantees are so given does not at any time exceed fifty million pounds, except in so far as that limit is exceeded for the purpose of redeeming stock which may properly be redeemed or of paying off a loan.

5. To authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums required to be so paid by, under or in consequence of the said Act of the present session.

—(Mr. Ivor Thomas.)

Tuesday, 7th May, 1946:

Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.
Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Teignmouth, a copy of which Order was presented on the 2nd day of this instant May, be approved. (Mr. Secretary Ecclestone.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Captain Blenkinsop.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 133.]

Tuesday, 7th May, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Report of the Inter-departmental Committee on the Remuneration of General Practitioners.

Mr. Bevan also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of an Order, dated 3rd May 1946, entitled the Deal (Entertainment Expenses) Order, 1946. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of an Order, dated 3rd May 1946, entitled—

(1) the General Permit (Restriction of Heating) No. 6, and
(2) the General Permit (Controlled Premises) No. 7.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Marquand; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C:—Sir John Barlow, Colonel Clarke, Mr. Coldrick, Mr. Eccles, Mr. David Griffiths, and Major Roberts; and had appointed in substitution Dr. Clitheroe, Mr. Hicks, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Commander Mastland, Mr. Renton and Sir Harold Webbe.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the National Health Service Bill):—

Mr. Bevan, Mrs. Bradock, Dr. Comyns, Mr. Edward Evans, Lieut.-Colonel Gage, Commander Gallraith, Mr. Hastings, Mr. House, Mr. Hoy, Mr. Key, Mr. Law, Mr. Linstead, Mr. McGhee, Mr. Messer, Mrs. Middleton, Dr. Morgan, Mr. Hopkins Morris, Sir Henry Morris-Jones, Mr. Piratin, Mr. Rankin, Mr. James Reid, Captain Snow, Mr. Sparks, Colonel Stoddart-Scott, Mr. Henry Strauss, Dr. Stephen Taylor, Mr. Tiffany, Sir Wavell Wakefield, Mr. John Williams and Mr. Willink.

Major Lloyd reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills:

That they had considered the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and had agreed to a Report in respect thereof, which they had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them; and the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 Fish Sales (Charges) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 520), a copy of which was presented on the 12th day of April last, and the India and Burmah (Burmese Monetary Arrangements) (Amendment) Order, 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 16th day of April last, 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 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 make temporary provision with respect to Ward Elections in war-damaged Wards in the City of London; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Churchill, Member for the County of Essex (Woodford 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 statement of the Prime Minister as to the Government's proposal of the withdrawal of British forces from Egypt as a basis of negotiations for an Anglo-Egyptian treaty; 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), as amended by the Order made upon the 12th day of April last, until Seven of the clock this evening.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister):
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Simmons:
Yea, 269.
Tellers for the Mr. Drew:
Noes, 129.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and not amended on re-commital to the former Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—
(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the issue by a body corporate incorporated under the law of England or Scotland of any shares in debentures or other securities of that body corporate if such issue is for the sole purpose of the amalgamation of two or more bodies corporate or the absorption of one or more bodies corporate by another body corporate or the acquisition by one body corporate of control of another body corporate."
—(Mr. Bracken.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. Drew,
Yea, Mr. Studholme:
Yeas, 131.
Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,
Noes, Captain Bing:
Noes, 250.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 16, by leaving out subsection (2).—(Lieutenant-Commander Brathwaite.)

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. 4, l. 26, by leaving out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Pitman.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 30, by inserting, after the word "property," the words "not being goods sold by a person in the ordinary course of his business."—(Sir John Mellor.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Yea, Captain Bing:
Yeas, 283.
Tellers for the Mr. Drew,
Noes, Major Conant:
Noes, 147.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 30, by inserting, after the word "property," the words "not being goods sold by a person in the ordinary course of his business."—(Sir John Mellor.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Yea, Mr. Simmons:
Yeas, 218.
Tellers for the Mr. Drew,
Noes, Mr. Studholme:
Noes, 92.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question put pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after Five of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker yesterday allocated the Civil Aviation Bill to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker yesterday appointed Mr. Touche Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Civil Aviation Bill.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of an Order made by the Council of the Borough of Poole and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Act, 1912.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 23rd day of April 1946 by the Governor of Orissa under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of an Order, dated 1st May 1946, entitled the Control of Textile Bags (No. 3) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd May 1946, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 48) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords.

Mr. Speaker reported that the Amendments made by this House to the Bucks Water Board Bill [Lords] without any Amendment.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B—Selection Standing Standing Committee B.
Committee B.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C—Dr. Clitheroe; and had appointed in substitution Lord Willoughby de Eresby.

Standing Committee C.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the National Health Service Bill)—Mr. Tiffany; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Clitheroe.

Standing Committee B.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Civil Aviation Bill):—Mr. Atken, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Beswick, Captain Bing, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Edward Davies, Mr. Eric Dower, Mr. Erroll, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Colonel Gommé-Duncan, Mr. Granville, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Emrys Hughes, Wing-Commander Hubert, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Major Lloyd George, Mr. McKie, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mr. Fred Marshall, Mr. Sidney Marshall, Mr. Mikardo, Mr. Monaghan, Mr. Proctor, Lieutenant-Colonel Sharp, Mr. Ieoir Thomas, Mr. Osborne, Major Vernon, Mr. Ward, Group-Captain Wilkinson and Mr. Willis.

New Towns Bill.

The New Towns Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

New Towns [Money.]

Mr. Silkin, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to New Towns [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 creation of new towns by means of development corporations, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise:—

A. The issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for making advances to development corporations, not exceeding in the aggregate fifty million pounds, for purposes of capital expenditure;

B. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums authorised or required to be so paid by virtue of any of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, or the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, as applied by the said Act of the present Session, including sums payable into the Road Fund for the purpose of defraying expenditure out of that Fund under any of those provisions;

C. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses incurred by the Minister of Town and Country Planning or by the Secretary of State for the purposes of the said Act of the present Session;

D. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums authorised or required to be so paid by virtue of any of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(a) in respect of houses provided by a development corporation in accordance with arrangements made with a local authority under section ninety-four of the Housing Act, 1936, or under section twenty-six of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935;

(b) in respect of houses provided by a development corporation otherwise than in accordance with such arrangements, being houses approved by the Minister of Health or the Secretary of State for the purposes of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946, or the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1946, as the case may be;

E. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required for making advances to development corporations under the said Act of the present Session, the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums so paid into the Exchequer, and the application of any such sums, in so far as they represent principal, in redemption or repayment of the principal of advances made for the purposes of the said Act of the present Session, to be expedient having regard to any agreement made or to be made for the transfer to a local authority or statutory undertakers of any part of the undertaking of the corporation;

H. The reduction of the liability of a development corporation in respect of such advances in any case where such a reduction appears to the Minister of Town and Country Planning or the Secretary of State to be expedient having regard to any agreement made or to be made for the transfer to a local authority or statutory undertakers of any part of the undertaking of the corporation;

I. The payment into the Exchequer of any surplus, or the payment out of moneys
provided by Parliament of any deficit, arising from the winding up of a development corporation.

—Mr. Sibbick

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on National Health Service [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 comprehensive health service in England and Wales and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) expenses incurred by the Minister of Health in the exercise of his functions under the said Act, the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890 to 1930, or the Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913 to 1938;

(b) compensation payable to medical practitioners in respect of losses suffered by reason of any provision of the said Act prohibiting the sale of medical practices, the aggregate amount of such compensation not exceeding the appropriate proportion determined in accordance with the said Act of sixty-six million pounds, and interest on that compensation;

(c) grants payable to local health authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by them in carrying out their functions as such authorities or in defraying expenses of any joint board exercising such functions, being grants not exceeding, in the case of any authority, three quarters of the expenditure so incurred by that authority;

(d) sums necessary to defray the expenditure of Regional Hospital Boards constituted under the said Act (including the expenditure of Hospital Management Committees so constituted in exercising functions on behalf of such Boards) and the expenditure of Boards of Governors so constituted for teaching hospitals;

(e) expenses incurred by other bodies constituted under the said Act;

(f) remuneration and travelling and subsistence allowances payable to members of bodies constituted under the said Act;

(g) superannuation benefits provided for officers engaged in health services and medical practitioners and dental practitioners providing services under the said Act; and

(h) the remuneration of an additional medical Commissioner of the Board of Control;

and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of sums received by the Minister of Health under the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to civil aviation and matters connected therewith, and, in particular, to secure the development of air transport services by corporations operating under public control, it is expedient—

1. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Civil Aviation in making, to the undertakings mentioned in that behalf in the said Act, in respect of periods not later than the end of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, grants not exceeding in the aggregate eighty-four million pounds, and in making advances on account of any such grants.

2. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums which, by virtue of the provisions of the said Act or any instrument made thereunder, are payable out of such moneys otherwise than in respect of grants to such undertakings as aforesaid and advances on account thereof.

3. To charge on and issue out of the Consolidated Fund any sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling any guarantee given by them in pursuance of the said Act, subject to the limitation that the aggregate amount outstanding of the principal of the stock and loans in respect of which guarantees are so given does not at any time exceed thirty million pounds, except in so far as that limit is exceeded for the purpose of redeeming stock which may properly be redeemed or of paying off a loan.

4. To charge on and issue out of the Consolidated Fund any additional sums required to be so charged and issued by reason of any provision of the said Act increasing the amounts in respect of which guarantees may be given under section sixteen of the British Overseas Airways Act, 1939, subject to the limitation that the aggregate amount outstanding of the principal of the stock and loans in respect of which guarantees are so given does not at any time exceed fifty million pounds, except in so far as that limit is exceeded for the purpose of redeeming stock which may properly be redeemed or of paying off a loan.

5. To authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums required to be so paid by, under or in consequence of the said Act of the present session. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Captain Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 135.]

Thursday, 9th May, 1946.

The House met at half 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

London County Council (Money) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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, no Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, are applicable thereto, viz.:

Rotherham Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 30th day of April last, That in the case of the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Bill the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 30th day of April last, That in the case of the Cable and Wireless Bill the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Joint Memorandum and Agreements between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America regarding settlement for Lend-Lease, Reciprocal Aid, Surplus War Property and Claims, signed at Washington, on the 27th day of March 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee :—

Standing Committee A. 

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Deer and Mr. Simmons; and had appointed in substitution Flight-Lieutenant Haire and Mr. Oldfield.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Flight-Lieutenant Haire; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Oldfield.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee :—

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments in Clause No. 8, page 8, line 10 and Clause No. 8, page 8, line 11, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Westwood.—(Mr. Secretary Westwood.)
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. 8 amended, and agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee several Resolutions ; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital Central London Ophthalmic Hospital (Amalgamation, &c.) [Lords].

Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 3rd May 1946, entitled the Education Authorities (Scotland) Grant Provisional Amending Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Joint Memo-
Committee had made further Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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 being made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the India and Burma (Burma Monetary Arrangements) (Amendment) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament—(Mr. Arthur Henderson):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned,—(Mr. Joseph Henderson);

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

The Glasgow Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to whom the Bill is referred to exclude from the operation of Clause No. 4 the sale of newspapers in streets—(Commander Galbraith);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Commander Galbraith, Colonel Hutchinson: ] 68.

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Hannan, Mr. Forman: ] 182.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Collick reported from the Committee on New Towns [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the creation of new towns by means of development corporations, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise:

A. The issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required for making advances to development corporations, not exceeding in the aggregate fifty million pounds, for purposes of capital expenditure;

B. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of grants to such corporations, of such amounts as may be approved by the Treasury, for purposes of expenditure other than capital expenditure;

C. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any annual Exchequer contributions under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946, or the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1946, and of any sums equivalent to such contributions, payable by virtue of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(a) in respect of houses provided by a development corporation in accordance with arrangements made with a local authority under section ninety-four of the Housing Act, 1936, or under section twenty-six of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935;

(b) in respect of houses provided by a development corporation otherwise than in accordance with such arrangements, being houses approved by the Minister of Health or the Secretary of State for the purposes of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946, or the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1946, as the case may be;

D. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums authorised or required to be so paid by virtue of any of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, or the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, as applied by the said Act of the present Session, including sums payable into the Road Fund for the purpose of defraying expenditure out of that Fund under any of those provisions;

E. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses incurred by the Minister of Town and Country Planning or by the Secretary of State for the purposes of the said Act of the present Session;

F. The raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund as mentioned in this Resolution, or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued;

G. The payment into the Exchequer of sums received by the Minister of Town and Country Planning or by the Secretary of State by way of interest on or repayment of the principal of advances made to development corporations under the said Act of the present Session; the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums so paid into the Exchequer; and the application of any such sums, in so far as they represent principal, in redemption or repayment of debt, or, in so far as they represent interest, in payment of interest which would otherwise be payable out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt;

H. The reduction of the liability of a development corporation in respect of such advances in any case where such a reduction appears to the Minister of Town and Country Planning or the Secretary of State to be expedient having regard to any agreement made or to be made for the transfer to a local authority or statutory undertakers of any part of the undertaking of the corporation;

I. The payment into the Exchequer of any surplus, or the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any deficit, arising from the winding up of a development corporation.

The said Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.
Adjournment.  
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the New Towns Bill to Standing Committee A.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Frank Anderson Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the New Towns Bill.

[No. 136.]

Friday, 10th May, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Sixteenth Annual Reports of the National Radium Trust and Radium Commission, 1944-45.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Allied Mission to observe the Greek Elections, made at Athens on the 10th day of April 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of a Report on the Importation of Raw Cherries (Scotland) Order of 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of an Order, dated 8th May 1946, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries (Scotland) Order of 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 3rd May 1946, entitled the Central Institutions (Scotland) Grant Provisional Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of an Order, dated 6th May 1946, entitled the Carpets (Imported) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copies of General Licences,—

(1) dated 4th May 1946, in respect of Woven Woof Felt, and

(2) dated 7th May 1946, in respect of the Supply of certain All Wool Bunting.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C.—Mr. Oliffe ; and had appointed in Committee C. substitution Captain Baird.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Class X.

Vote 6: Control Office for Germany and Austria.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £52,554,310, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Control Office for Germany and Austria and the Control Commissions for Germany and Austria, including certain supplies and services essential to the occupation.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again,—(Captain Stewart)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Stewart);

And it being half an hour after Four of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday next.

[No. 137.]

Monday, 13th May, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper relative to a Renewal of the Commercial Modus Vivendi of the 8th day of August 1937 between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Salvador, concluded at San Salvador between the 24th day of October and the 15th day of December 1946.

Copy of Resolutions adopted by the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration at its fourth session, held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, U.S.A., from the 15th to the 29th day of March 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Local Government Superannuation (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Zetland County Council 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. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Oxford on the 12th day of February 1946, amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 7th May 1946, entitled the New Potatoes (1946 Crop) Order, 1946,
(2) dated 7th May 1946, amending the Butter (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1943,
(3) dated 7th May 1946, amending the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946,
(4) dated 8th May 1946, entitled the Exports (Relaxation of Price Control) Order, 1946,
(5) dated 8th May 1946, amending the Feeding Stuffs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943, and
(6) dated 8th May 1946, amending the Flour Order, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills, That Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Civil Aviation Bill) — Mr. Hubert; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Thomas Moore.

Standing Committee C,

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the National Health Service Bill) — Mr. Sparks; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Collins.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Solicitor-General and Mr. Glynne Hall presented a Bill to amend the Superannuation Acts; and to make further provision as to persons employed in the civil service of the State whose superannuation benefits are regulated under the enactments relating to teachers or to officers and servants of local authorities, or under certain approved schemes: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill be discontinued, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) — (Mr. Arthur Greenwood);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Simmons; Tellers for the Noes, Commander Agnew

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clauses Nos. 12 and 27, of the new Clause (Transfer of interests in patents and designs), and of the Amendments to the First Schedule, p. 44, l. 34, p. 45, l. 19, and p. 45, l. 41, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Shinwell — (Mr. Shinwell);

The Question was amended, by adding at the end thereof, the words "and of the new Clauses (Consumers' Councils), (Coal Appeal Tribunal) and (Export Development Council) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Harold Macmillan"—(Mr. Harold Macmillan)—and so amended, was agreed to.

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. 12 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Interim income pending satisfaction of compensation.)

Amendments made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Hannan; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewe, Major Conant

A Clause (Transfer of interests in patents and designs)—(Mr. Glynne Hall)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Consumers' Councils)—(Captain Crookshank)—brought up, and read the first time;

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Debate arising;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
Adjournment.

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Question put, That the Question be now

put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Collindridge, Yeas, Captain Stewart : 284.

Tellers for the Sir Arthur Young, Noes, Major Conant : 121.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Studholme, Yeas, Major Conant : 123.

Tellers for the Mr. Collindridge, Noes, Captain Stewart : 286.

First 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 made further Amendments and added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Restrictions on disposal of stock issued for compensation).—(Mr. Gnevill Hall).

And the said Clause was brought up and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson, Yeas, Mr. Simmons : 280.

Tellers for the Commander Agnew, Noes, Mr. Studholme : 105.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was accordingly read a second time ; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. Whiteley).

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor):

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 made upon the 16th day of August last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 138.]

Tuesday, 14th May, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading to the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Banbury Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Rotherham Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the combined Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Central and Provincial Governments in India for the year ended the 31st day of March 1944.

Mr. Arthur Henderson also presented, India pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Proclamations issued under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935,—

(1) on the 24th day of April 1946, by the Governor of Bengal, and

(2) on the 30th day of April 1946, by the Governor of Madras.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, on the 13th day of February 1946, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilmet presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th May 1946, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 49) (Scrap) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of the Annual Report and Accounts of the Governors of Queen Anne’s Bounty for 1945.

Standing Orders.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the Bill be permitted to proceed.

2. That, in the case of the Cable and Wireless Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the Bill be permitted to proceed.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:—Lieutenant-Colonel Byers, Mr. Medland, and Mr. Renton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Medlicott, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, and Mr. Royle.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the New Towns Bill):—Mr. Braddock, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Collindridge, Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre, Major Digby, Mr. Dumpleton, Mr. Fairbairn, M. Glenvil Hall, Professor Grafty, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Key, Mr. McAllister, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Maclay, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Mr. Fred Marshall, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Molson, Mr. William Morrison, Mr. Nally, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Silkin, Mr. Sparks, Mr. Walker-Smith, Mr. Westwood, and Mr. York.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Wilfrid Roberts; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Granville.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (in respect of the Civil Aviation Bill):—Mr. Granville; and had appointed in substitution Major Macpherson.

Message from the Lords.

The Lords have agreed to the Newport (Isle of Wight) Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the time for the construction of waterworks by the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the city of Manchester; to confer further powers upon them in reference to their undertaking and the provision of trolley vehicles; to authorise the supply of heat by means of hot water and steam; and to make further provision in reference to the transfer of stock superannuation allowances and the health local government and improvement purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister).

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas, Mr. Simmons: 290.]

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Noes, Major Conant: 130.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Determination of questions as to quality of coal)—(Sir Arnold Gridley); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Drewe, Yeas, Mr. Studholme: 140.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Bing: 288.]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Candidature of employees)—(Mr. Harold Macmillan); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas, Mr. Hannan: 300.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Drewe, Noes, Major Conant: 148.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Clause be read a second time:—

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas, Mr. Hannan: 311.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Drewe, Noes, Mr. Studholme: 139.]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Charitable subscriptions, &c.,)—(Captain Crookshank); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time,
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision of moneys for research)—(Captain Crookshank); 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. Collindridge,

Mr. Coldrick

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Collinsbridge,

Mr. Stoddart

So it passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 1, l. 16, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(4) securing that such supplies of coal as may be available shall be supplied without favouring or discriminating against consumers or distributors who are engaged in the same class of trade, business, manufacture or industry, or who require to consume coal of the same, physical, chemical or thermal properties and whose consumption or requirements are comparable in amount."

—(Captain Crookshank.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon—

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Collindridge,

Mr. Stoddart

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Collinsbridge,

Mr. Coldrick

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Collinsbridge,

Mr. Coldrick

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Stoddart,

Mr. Collinsbridge

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas,

Commander Agnew

Major Conant

Tellers for the Noes,

Commander Agnew

Major Conant

So it passed in the Negative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 15th May, 1946:

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. Whiteley).

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on recommittal, be taken into further consideration this day:

Ordered, That Sir Harold Webbe, be dis- Estimates, charged from the Select Committee on Estimates; and that Colonel Hutchinson be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Second Reading of the Finance (No. 2) Bill:—(No. 4) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railways Second Reading of the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed upon the 25th day of February last, That this House approves the policy of His Majesty's Government for agriculture; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hill Farming Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the National Insurance Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cable and Wireless Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Atomic Energy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant May, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the India and Burma (Monetary Arrangements) (Amendment) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

A Motion being made, That the Beneﬁces (Suspension of Presentation) 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—(Mr. Burden);

Mr. Whiteley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put; Resolved, That the Beneﬁces (Suspension of Presentation) 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.

Resolved, That the Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Curate Grants) Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, be presented to His Majesty for

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Mr. Barnes presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Reading Corporation Act, 1935, relating to Reading Corporation Trolley Vehicles: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, and be printed.

Mr. Barnes presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Maidstone Corporation Act, 1923, relating to Maidstone Corporation Trolley Vehicles: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Barnes presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Health relating to the City of Norwich: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Bevan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the County Borough of Wallasey: 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.

Ministry of Health
Provisional Order
(Norwich) Bill.
Bill 121.

Ministry of Health
Provisional Order
(Wallasey) Bill.
Bill 122.

Destructive Insects and Pests.

Skegness Pier
Provisional Order Bill.
Bill 120.

Maidstone
Corporation
(Trolley
Vehicles)
Provisional Order Bill.
Bill 119.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th May 1946, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries Order of 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of a General Licence, dated 6th May 1946, in respect of the Supply of Cricket Boots.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Notice being taken, That the Paper purporting to be a copy of the Cloth and House- hold Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946, dated 4th March 1946, which was presented upon the 14th day of March last, was not a correct copy of the said Order:

Ordered, That the Order made upon the 14th day of March last, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, be discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Civil Aviation Bill):—

Mr. Sydney Marshall; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Douglas Marshall.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Long Eaton Urban District Council Bill, That they had examined the allegations of the Long Eaton Urban District Council 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Message from a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the North West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Trustees of the British Museum to lend the Lacock Abbey Magna Carta, for a period not exceeding two years, for public exhibition in the Library of Congress of the United States of America; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Yea,

Mr. Simmons, 295.

Mr. Hannon:

Mr. Drewe,

Mr. Studdholme,

Mr. Studdholme,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill to take into further consideration the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal. Other Amendments were made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 24, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(8) In this section the expression 'manufactured fuel' means any manufactured fuel (including carbonised briquettes and ovoids) of which coal or coke is the principal constituent."—(Sir Shinwell)."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "and other products of coke over carbonisation of coal."—(Captain Crookshank)."
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—It passed in the Negative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 35, by leaving out the words "primary vesting date," and inserting the words "date of receiving notice to exercise option."—(Captain Crookshank)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 13, by inserting, after the word "notice," the words "unless either party aforesaid gives notice of appeal to arbitration under this section, in which case the contract shall remain in force pending the decision of the arbitrator."—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

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. 8, l. 43, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and that section shall extend so as to confer on the Board, in relation to minerals other than coal, being minerals interests in which vest in the Board by virtue of section five of this Act or are otherwise acquired by them, the like rights and powers as respects operations for the like purposes as are mentioned in the said section fifteen."—(Mr. Attorney General.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—The House divided.

The Yeas for the carrying the Bill.

The Noes for the carrying the Bill.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hannan; 148.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 35, l. 38, by leaving out the word "any," and inserting the words «Regulations 51 and 51A»—(Captain Crookshank)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 30, l. 49, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "(3) The regulations made under this section shall provide that any question or difference arising under this section or such regulations shall be referred to arbitration under this Act."—(Captain Crookshank.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(4) The regulations made under this section shall comprise at least one person (who shall be the holder of a first-class certificate of competency under the Coal Mines Act, 1911, and shall have had not less than seven years' practical experience as manager of a mine or in a managerial position of a similar but superior technical character to that of manager of a mine) to be nominated by the National Association of Colliery Managers."—(Mr. Erroll.)

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. 23, l. 15, by leaving out subsection (4), and inserting the words,—

"(4) The Minister shall transmit every such statement and report to the Comptroller and Auditor-General who shall on behalf of the House of Commons examine and certify the statements and accounts and lay copies thereof, together with his report thereon, before each House of Parliament not later than one year from the end of each financial year of the Board. The Comptroller and Auditor-General in his examination shall have regard to the audit carried out by the auditors appointed under subsection (2) of this section."—(Captain Crookshank)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

The Yeas for the carrying the Bill.

The Noes for the carrying the Bill.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Collindridge, 333.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Coldrick; 129.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 39, l. 36, by leaving out the word "any," and inserting the words «Regulations 51 and 51A»—(Captain Crookshank)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 35, l. 8, by inserting, after the word "persons," the words "(which organisations notify their desire to be consulted)."—(Captain Crookshank.)

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. 35, l. 7, by leaving out subsection (2).—(Captain Crookshank.)
And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Robert Taylor rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the f Captain Stewart,
Yeas, { Mr. Simmons : } 317.
Tellers for the f Mr. Studholme,
Noes, { Major Conant : } 138.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the f Captain Stewart,
Yeas, { Mr. Simmons : } 312.
Tellers for the f Commander Agnew,
Noes, { Major Conant : } 137.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 38, l. 41, by leaving out from the word “thereunder,” to the end of the Clause, and inserting the words “committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of any director or officer of the body corporate or any person who was purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly”—(Mr. Erroll)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, 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. 42, l. 46, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “and such individual shall be entitled to lease or sell his right to work coal to such other person as may be approved by the Board.”—(Mr. Price.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment, was with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 44, l. 18, by leaving out from the word “activities” to the end of l.21. (Captain Crookshank).

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the f Mr. Pearson,
Yeas, { Mr. Simmons : } 290.
Tellers for the f Sir Arthur Young,
Noes, { Major Conant : } 123.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 45, l. 38, by leaving out paragraphs 10 to 13.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—
The House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 15th May, 1946:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the f Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Yeas, { Mr. Hannan : } 240.
Tellers for the f Mr. Drew,
Noes, { Major Conant : } 93.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 50, l. 18, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “in cases where the Board enter into a substituted agreement not less beneficial to the persons to whom such pensions, gratuities or other like benefits are payable.”—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—
The said proposed Amendment, was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

Resolved, That the Fish Sales (Charges) Supplies and Services and Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of April last, be approved.—(Dr. Summerskill.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Imported Pears Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 520), dated 9th April 1946, made by the Treasury under Section 2 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, and Section 5 of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, a copy of which was presented on the 11th day of April last, be annulled.—(Mr. Spence);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the f Mr. Spence,
Yeas, { Lord William Scott : } 39.
Tellers for the f Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Noes, { Mr. Simmons : } 173.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes after Two of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
Adjournment.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement by the Cabinet Mission to India and His Excellency the Viceroy.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Newfoundland (Defence Installations).

Mr. Bottomley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement between the Governments of Canada, Newfoundland, and the United Kingdom respecting Defence Installations in Newfoundland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Local Government Superannuation.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the mentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937—

(1) Barry Town Council.
(2) Lewes and District Superannuation Joint Committee.

Supplies and Services (Transition Powers) (Road Vehicles).

Copy of Regulations, dated 11th May 1946, entitled the Underground Water (Controlled Areas) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Selection (Standing Committees).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

British Museum Bill (Lords).

Bill 124.

Message from the Lords.

The British Museum Bill (Lords) was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next; and to 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 Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill, without any Amendment.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. Whitley) —That the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance (No. 2) Bill;—And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson,]

Yea, [Mr. Pearson : 181.

Tellers for the [Mr. Drewe,]


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Glynvil Hall, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Finance (No. 2) (Compensation to Assessors), 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 relating to finance it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of annual allowances by way of compensation to any persons employed as assessors for the purposes of income tax and land tax immediately before the passing of the said Act whose appointments are terminated by that Act.—(Mr. Glynvil Hall.)

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 Table.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 17th May, 1946:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Control of Rates of Hire of Plant (Exemption) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., No. 609), dated 24th April 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 30th day of April last, be annulled—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Boyd-Carpenter,]

Yea, [Sir John Mellor : 25.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson,]

Noes, [Mr. Simmons : 114.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Adjournment.

(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Knockes.

Mr. James Griffiths, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to National Insurance (Money) [No. 2], 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.

(Ordered.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish an extended system of national insurance providing pecuniary payments by way of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit, maternity benefit, retirement pension, widows' benefit, guardian's allowance and death grant, and to provide for the making of payments towards the cost of a national health service, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of contributions towards the cost of benefit payable under the said Act and any other payments to be made out of the National Insurance Fund established thereunder, being contributions not exceeding in the aggregate sums computed in accordance with the following provisions, that is to say:—

for each contribution as a self-employed person paid under the said Act by a person over the age of eighteen there may be paid the sum (hereinafter referred to as the "Exchequer supplement") in the case of a contribution paid by a man, of one shilling and one penny and, in the case of a contribution paid by a woman, of elevenpence.

Provided that, if the Treasury by order under the said Act made with a view to maintaining a stable level of employment, increase the rate of any contribution for which the Exchequer supplement is payable, they shall have power also to increase by the order the rate of the Exchequer supplement for that contribution, but in such manner as not to affect (except so far as appears to them to be expedient for convenience of calculation) the proportion which the rate of the supplement bears to that of the contribution.—(Mr. James Griffiths.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant May, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the India and Burma (Burma Monetary Arrangements) (Amendment) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of India and Burma (Burma Monetary Arrangements).
of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the India and Burma (Burma Monetary Arrangements) (Amendment) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

The Railways (Valuation for Rating) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Six Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented at any time not later than Five clear days after the making of this Order, be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That Petitions against the Bill may be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office, provided that such Petitions shall have been prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of this House relating to Petitions against Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the Bill, and Counsel or Agents heard in support of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Key.)

The Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House was moved, That the Order made upon the 23rd day of August last for the appointment of the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., as amended by the Order made upon the 6th day of November last, might be read; and the same being read,

Ordered, That the said Order be further amended in line 7 by inserting, after the word "be," the words "or might have been."—(Sir Charles MacAndrew.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Two of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

The Railways (Valuation for Rating) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Marriages, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th May 1946, approving Admiralty Memorial Pensions, &c.), under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th May 1946, entitled the Somaliland Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to Diseases of Animals, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order (No. 6729) dated 16th May 1946, authorising the landing of Pedigree Swine from Canada.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Air Force, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th March 1946, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946, and Copy of an Order, dated 15th May 1946, approving Admiralty Memorial Pensions, &c., and Copy of an Order, dated 2nd May 1946, approving Admiralty Memorial Pensions, &c.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to Goods and Services (Price Control) Orders—

(1) dated 4th March 1946, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946, and

(2) dated 8th April 1946, entitled the Fountain Pens (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
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Mr. William Morrison and Mr. Thomas Reid were nominated members of the Select Committee on the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Bill. 

Mr. Robert Taylor.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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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:— 

Copy of the Report to the Lord Chancellor of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics between the 1st day of October 1945 and the 31st day of March 1946. 

Copy of Provisional Rules, dated 14th May 1946, entitled the Provisional Pensions Appeal Tribunals (England and Wales) (Amendment) Rules, 1946. 

Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill; 

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; 

The House divided. 

The Yeas to the Right; 

The Noes to the Left. 

Tellers for the [Mr. Whitley, Yeas, Mr. Robert Taylor : 324]. 


So it was resolved in the Affirmative. 

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. 

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence. 

Mr. Stanley Evans, Mr. Eric Fletcher, Mr. William Morrison and Mr. Thomas Reid were nominated members of the Select Committee on the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Bill. 

— (Mr. Robert Taylor.) 

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (Mr. Robert Taylor.) 

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow. 

[No. 143.] 

Tuesday, 21st May, 1946. 

The House met at half 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, no Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, are applicable thereto, viz.:— Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords]. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time. 

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the London Midland and Scottish Railway: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow. 

Ordered, That the Bill be printed. 

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the Astley Ainslie Hospital Order Confirmation Bill. 

Bill No. 125. 

Ordered, That the Bill be printed. 

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Education Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of a Special Committee of the Advisory Council on Education in Scotland relative to Technical Education. 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. 

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to Patents, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Designs and Trade Marks. 


Copy of a General Licence, dated 17th May 1946, in respect of the Supply of Bunting. 

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table. 

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Consumer Rationing). 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. 

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, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix:—And the Report was brought up and read, as followeth: 

Your Committee have considered the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 107), a copy of which was
presented on the 3rd 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 Order, dated 31st December 1945, amending the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O., 1945, No. 1693), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of January last, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to it, on the ground that its form or purport calls for elucidation.

They have also considered the Act of Sedition, dated and April 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 9th day of this instant May, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to it, on the ground that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the laying of it before Parliament.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Great Western Railway Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the amalgamation of police forces in Scotland; to provide for the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of grants towards police expenditure in Scotland; to amend the law relating to the provision of buildings and acquisition of land in Scotland for police purposes; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide for the vesting in the Breconshire County Council of part of the Swansea Canal and other lands and for the closing of the part of the canal so vested; to confer powers on the County Council with respect to that part of the canal and those lands; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Breconshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Business of the House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings in the Committee on Cable and Wireless [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

The Cable and Wireless Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Six Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented at any time not later than Five clear days after the making of this Order, be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That Petitions against the Bill may be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office, provided that such Petitions shall have been prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of this House relating to Petitions against Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents be heard against the Bill, and Counsel or Agents heard in support of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Cable and Wireless Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Cable and Wireless [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 bring the share capital of Cable and Wireless Limited (in this Resolution referred to as the "operating company") into public ownership, to provide for the cost of making certain payments to the operating company in connection with reductions in its charges and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the charging on the Consolidated Fund, in connection with the provision of compensation to the companies specified in the said Act as the holders of the shares thereby transferred—

(i) the principal of and interest on Government stock to be issued to them under the said Act, any expenses incurred in connection with its issue or repayment and any remuneration payable in respect of its management; and

(ii) of sums payable to them under the said Act by way of interest, at such rate or rates as the Treasury may determine, on such compensation for the period beginning with the date of transfer of the shares and ending immediately before the date of issue of the said stock;

the total value (as determined by the Treasury) of the said stock at the date of issue, and the amount on which such interest is payable, to be (in default of agreement) equal to the total value of the shares transferred at the date of transfer, and the value of the shares to be assessed as a proportion of the price which the operating company's undertaking would realise on sale on the basis of its net maintainable revenue and the number of years' purchase to be applied thereto, but without regard to the effect on that revenue of the said Act or of the Bermuda agreement therein mentioned;

(b) the raising, dated and issued out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sum or sums (if any) as the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans
Act, 1939, of money for the purpose of providing any sums required by them in order to redeem the said stock;

(c) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) of the remuneration and expenses of any tribunal set up under the said Act to assess (as mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Resolution) the total value of the shares transferred by the said Act; and

(ii) any sums required for the purpose of any undertaking given by the Treasury, in consideration of the operating company’s reducing its charges, as to the making of payments to the operating company in respect of net loss of revenue consequent on the reductions;

(d) the payment into the Exchequer of any dividends on the shares transferred by the said Act paid by the operating company after their transfer, the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums so paid into the Exchequer and the application of sums so issued in payment of interest otherwise payable out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt;

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Captain Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 144.]

Wednesday, 22nd May, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 27th day of this instant May, relative to India and Burma (Burma Monetary Arrangements) 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 India and Burma (Burma Monetary Arrangements) (Amendment) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Asley Ainslie Hospital Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London Midland and Scottish Railway Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 27th day of April 1946 by the Governor of the Central Provinces and Berar under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th May 1946, entitled the Handkerchiefs (No. 4) Directions, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th May 1946, amending the Canned Fruit and Vegetables Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Police (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison) of contributions towards the cost of a national health service, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of contributions towards the cost of benefit payable under the said Act and any other payments to be made out of the National Insurance Fund established thereunder, being contributions not exceeding in the aggregate

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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, and to Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers. — And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts and Measures therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measures as follows:

1. Education Act, 1946.
3. Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Act, 1946.

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 Clauses Nos. 8, 11, 59, 62 and 71 and the First Schedule standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. James Griffiths. (Mr. James Griffiths) ;
The Question was amended, by adding at the end thereof, the words "and in respect of the new Clause (Provision as to transfer and compensation of employees of approved societies) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Peake and in respect of the new Clause (National Employment Guidance Council and local employment guidance committees) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Richard Butler." — (Mr. Richard Butler.) 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 Clauses Nos. 8, 11, 59, 62 and 71 and the First Schedule standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. James Griffiths, and in respect of the new Clause (Provision as to transfer and compensation of employees of approved societies) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Peake and in respect of the new Clause (National Employment Guidance Council and local employment guidance committees) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Richard Butler.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:— The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee:

(Committee.)

Clause No. 8 (General provisions as to payment and collection of contributions, &c.). Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words "and for treating, for the purpose aforesaid, contributions payable by an employer on behalf of an insured person, but not paid, as paid where the failure to pay is shown not to have been with the person, or attributable to any negligence of the part of, the insured person." — (Mr. Lindgren.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 6, to leave out the words "or attributable to any negligence on the part of." — (Mrs. Castle.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment, put, and agreed to. Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Right to unemployment and sickness benefit). Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 12, to leave out from the word "employment," to the end of the subsection. — (Mr. James Griffiths.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause : Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by 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, and to Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers. — And having returned;

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1. Education Act, 1946.
3. Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Act, 1946.

Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Curate Grants) Measure, 1946.
Clergy Pensions (Supplementary Pensions) Measure, 1946.
Beneﬁces (Suspension of Presentation) Measure, 1946.

Then the House again resolved itself into a National Committee on the National Insurance (re-committed) Bill :

(Committee.) Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.
Question put, and negatived.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 59 (Married Women).

Amendment proposed, in p. 59, l. 26, to leave out from the word "woman," to the end of l. 27, and insert the words "if she so elects or if she does not elect otherwise (as may be provided by the regulations)."—(Mr. James Griffiths.)

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.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out from the word "elects" to the end.—(Mrs. Castle.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment, put, and agreed to.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 62 (Temporary provision as to unemployment benefit).

Amendment proposed, in p. 52, l. 21, to leave out from the word "section," to the end of l. 26, and insert the words—

(a) shall not proceed on any consideration of the financial resources of the applicant or persons connected with him; but

(b) subject to the foregoing paragraph, shall have regard—

(i) to the particular circumstances of the applicant, including the industrial conditions in the district where he ordinarily resides; and

(ii)."

—(Mr. James Griffiths.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 6, to leave out the words "the particular circumstances of the applicant, including."

—(Mr. Stephen.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yea," Mr. Drewe : 141.

Noes, Captain Stewart : 271.

Another Clause (National Employment Guidance Council and local employment guidance committees)—(Mr. Richard Butler)—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.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy 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 Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned—(Mr. Eden)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Arrangements with friendly societies).—(Mr. Goodrich.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Whitley.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. Benson, Mr. Cable and Donovan and Mr. Manningham-Buller were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Cable and Wireless Bill.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

Thursday, 23rd May, 1946:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Cuckmbers Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. (Transitional 1946, No. 613), dated 25th April 1946, a copy Powers) (Food), of which was presented on the 30th day of April last, be annulled.—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Colonel

Yea," Mr. Spence : 37.

Noes, Mr. Simmons : 154.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
[No. 145.]

Thursday, 23rd May, 1946.

The House met at half 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 Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz:—
West Yorkshire Gas Distribution [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

The Astley Ainslie Hospital Order Confirmation Bill, was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London Midland and Scottish Railway Order Confirmation Bill, was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th May 1946, entitled the Biscuits (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st May 1946, revoking the Regulation of Herring Fishing Order, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford on the 26th day of February 1946, amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ben Smith presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 17th May 1946, entitled the Hay (Control and Maximum Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1946,
(2) dated 17th May 1946, entitled the Hay (Maximum Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946, and
(3) dated 18th May 1946, amending the Potatoes (1945 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills; That they had examined the allegations of the Birmingham 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.

Mr. Tom Smith reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated the following Two Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Bill: Mr. Oliver Poole and Mr. Wadham.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated the following Two Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Cable and Wireless Bill: Mr. Macpherson and Mr. William Shepherd.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1944, in connection with the general convention on privileges and immunities of the United Nations approved at the first General Assembly thereof and in connection with certain resolutions taken at the said Assembly; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Ministerial salaries Bill (to be proceeded with under S.O. No. 64A), presented a Bill to make further provision as to the salaries of certain Ministers of the Crown and other persons, and as to the payment of salaries or allowances as Members of Parliament to persons in receipt of salaries or pensions under the Ministers of the Crown Act, 1937: And the same was ordered to be read a second time on Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion being made, and the Question Business of the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right: The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Studholme.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Noes to the Left.

The Yeas to the Right.

The House divided.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be re-committed, be read a second time ; and to be printed,

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Select Committee. That they had nominated the following Two Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Cable and Wireless Bill: Mr. Macpherson and Mr. William Shepherd.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

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A Motion being made, and the Question Business of the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right: The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Studholme.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Noes to the Left.

The Yeas to the Right.

The House divided.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be re-committed, be read a second time ; and to be printed.

Mr. Tom Smith further reported from the Select Committee. That they had nominated the following Two Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Cable and Wireless Bill: Mr. Macpherson and Mr. William Shepherd.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 8, by leaving out Clause No. 12.—(Mr. Sydney Silverman.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "the" in p. 13, l. 5, stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "the," in p. 13, l. 5, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, 246.
Yea.

Tellers for the [Mr. Sydney Silverman, 44.
Noo.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 38, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and temporary employment shall not be deemed to be inconsistent with retirement"—(Mr. Peake);

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 21, l. 26, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words,—

"(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act—
(a) any employed person who has attained pensionable age may elect that he will not if he continues in regular employment receive any such increment to which he may otherwise become entitled under subsection (4) of this section and if he so elects he shall thereafter pay no contributions in any period during which he is engaged in regular employment after reaching pensionable age; and
(b) Any self-employed person may elect under the circumstances contained in this subsection not to receive the increments to which he otherwise becomes entitled under subsection (4) of this section and if he so elects his weekly contribution shall be at the rate of three shillings and tenpence per week;

Provided that in the case of the employed person the employer's contribution shall be paid at the normal rate, and provided also that this subsection shall apply only within the period of five years beginning with the appointed day."—(Major Legge-Bourke);

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That Sir Frank Sanderson be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates, and that Mr. Cuthbert be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment.

(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Friday, 24th May, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Western Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Long Eaton Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the direc-

tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st May 1946, entitled the Control of Pencillin (No. 1) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the direc-

tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th May 1946, entitled the Use of Vehicles during Harvesting Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the direc-

Local Authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Super-

annuation Act, 1937:—

(1) Rutland County Council.
(2) Holborn Metropolitan Borough Council.
(3) Ruislip-Northwood Urban District Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill [ Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself supply [7th allotted Day] into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee) Civil Estimates, 1946

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £30, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services relating to the...
negotiations with the Government of Egypt, the consequential arrangements for the defence of the Middle East and the machinery for consultation with the Dominions on matters of common interest, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, namely:

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Class II., Vote 1, Foreign Office... £10
Class I., Vote 4, Treasury and Subordinate Departments... £10
Class II., Vote 6, Dominions Office... £10

£30

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Churchill)—put, and negatived.

Original Question again proposed;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Robert Taylor)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor);

And, it being Four 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—(Captain Stewart);

And, it being half an hour after Four of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday next.

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Monday, 27th May, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Committee on the Functions of the National Gallery and Tate Gallery, and, in respect of Paintings, of the Victoria and Albert Museum, together with a Memorandum thereon by the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the decision of His Majesty's Government to bring forward proposals for transferring to the ownership of the nation appropriate sections of the iron and steel industry with a view to its efficient organisation in the public interest.—(Mr. Wilmot) —And a Debate arising thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Simmons.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Gaitskell be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure, and that Mr. Eric Fletcher be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:— That the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in paragraph (4) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply), Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Class X.

Vote 1. Ministry of Supply.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £234,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Supply, including the cost of trading services and of assistance to certain industries.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Whiteley)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the decision of His Majesty's Government to bring forward proposals for transferring to the ownership of the nation appropriate sections of the iron and steel industry with a view to its efficient organisation in the public interest; and the Question being again proposed:

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put; The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Whiteley 338, Mr. Robert Taylor; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stuart 184. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House approves the decision of His Majesty's Government to bring forward proposals for transferring to the ownership of the nation appropriate sections of the iron and steel industry with a view to its efficient organisation in the public interest.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Stewart).

And accordingly the House, having continued, to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Wednesday, 29th May, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Dundee Corporation:

And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented a Bill, to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Glasgow Corporation:

And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, by His India Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence (Cabinet Mission), and Documents connected with the Conference between the Cabinet Mission and His Excellency the Viceroy and Representatives of the Congress and the Muslim League during May 1946.

Mr. Arthur Henderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments, dated 21st May 1946, to the Indian Medical Service (Civil) (Reserved Posts) Rules, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1946, entitled the Coal Tar Products Prices Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Portsmouth Corporation Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had 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 London (Money) Bill.
County Council (Money) Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment; 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 be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords], and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Thomas Brooks reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills; That they had examined the allegations of the High Wycombe 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Bing; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Conant.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 42, l. 8, by inserting, after the word "payment," the words "and for the payment of sickness benefit, maternity benefit, widows' allowance, death grant and such further benefits as the Minister may decide to or in respect of a member of an approved society by and through the approved society of which the insured person is a member on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed in the regulations."—(Mr. Raikes.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Drew, Mr. Conant; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Bing.

So 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. 50, l. 33, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(b) for conferring on a woman who, at the time of her marriage, has been in insurable employment for not less than ten years, the right to continue to be insured for a full retirement pension in her own right at sixty years of age by paying the reduced rate of contribution set out in the First Schedule to this Act."—(Mrs. Castle.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 62, l. 8, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that before making any such modifications in or winding up any such scheme as aforesaid, the appropriate Minister or department of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, as the case may be, shall consult with the persons affected by the scheme."—(Mr. Birch.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment, was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the Members' 6th day of March last, was made from the Select Committee on Members' Expenses, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Report into consideration.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient—

(a) that provision should be made, as from the first day of April nineteen hundred and forty-six, for the payment of salaries to Members of this House—

(i) at the rate of one thousand pounds a year, except in the case of a Member who is for the time being in receipt of a salary as a Minister of the Crown, an officer of His Majesty's Household, or an officer of this House or as Leader of the Opposition, or in receipt of a pension as a person who has been Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury;

(ii) at the rate of five hundred pounds a year in the case of a Member who is for the time being in receipt of a salary less than five thousand pounds a year as a Minister of the Crown, or in receipt of a salary as an officer of His Majesty's Household or as Chairman or Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means or as Leader of the Opposition, or in receipt of a pension as a person who has been Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury;

(b) that more convenient arrangements should be made with respect to the facilities for railway travel available to Members of this House;

(c) that Mr. Speaker should be invited to appoint a committee to advise him on the application of the rules and practice governing the payment of travelling expenses of Members of this House and of subsistence allowances payable to them when travelling on the official business of this House;

(d) that provision should be made for enabling Members of the House of Lords to recover out of the sums voted for the expenses of that House the cost of railway fares incurred by them in attending that House for the purposes of their parliamentary duties.

(Mr. Whiteley.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 4, by leaving out the words “day of April nineteen hundred and forty-six,” and inserting the words “Sitting Day of the next Parliament”—(Sir Wavell Wakefield)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. McKinlay, 345- } Lieutenant-Comman- der Braithwaite;
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir Wavell Wakefield, 26. } Mr. Hollis:
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient—

(a) that provision should be made, as from the first day of April nineteen hundred and forty-six, for the payment of salaries to Members of this House—

(i) at the rate of one thousand pounds a year, except in the case of a Member who is for the time being in receipt of a salary as a Minister of the Crown, an officer of His Majesty's Household, or an officer of this House or as Leader of the Opposition, or in receipt of a pension as a person who has been Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury;

(ii) at the rate of five hundred pounds a year in the case of a Member who is for the time being in receipt of a salary less than five thousand pounds a year as a Minister of the Crown, or in receipt of a salary as an officer of His Majesty's Household or as Chairman or Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means or as Leader of the Opposition, or in receipt of a pension as a person who has been Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury;

(b) that more convenient arrangements should be made with respect to the facilities for railway travel available to Members of this House;

(c) that Mr. Speaker should be invited to appoint a committee to advise him on the application of the rules and practice governing the payment of travelling expenses of Members of this House and of subsistence allowances payable to them when travelling on the official business of this House;

(d) that provision should be made for enabling Members of the House of Lords to recover out of the sums voted for the expenses of that House the cost of railway fares incurred by them in attending that House for the purposes of their parliamentary duties.

The Ministerial Salaries Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday 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 Ministerial Salaries [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 further provision as to the salaries of certain Ministers of the Crown and other persons, and as to the payment of salaries or allowances as Members of Parliament to persons in receipt of salaries or pensions under the Ministers of the Crown Act, 1937 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act of 1937"), it is expedient to authorise, as from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) of any increase in the sums payable under the Act of 1937 out of moneys so provided which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session increasing the maximum amount of the annual salary of the Postmaster-General to five thousand
That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Cable and Wireless (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to bring the share capital of Cable and Wireless Limited (in this Resolution referred to as "the operating company") into public ownership, to provide for the cost of making certain payments to the operating company in connection with reductions in its charges and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the charging on the Consolidated Fund, in connection with the provision of compensation to the companies specified in the said Act as the holders of the shares thereby transferred—

(i) of the principal of and interest on Government stock to be issued to them under the said Act, any expenses incurred in connection with its issue or repayment and any remuneration payable in respect of its management; and

(ii) of sums payable to them under the said Act by way of interest, at such rate or rates as the Treasury may determine, on such compensation for the period beginning with the date of transfer of the shares and ending immediately before the date of issue of the said stock;

the total value (as determined by the Treasury) of the said stock at the date of issue, and the amount on which such interest is payable, to be (in default of agreement) equal to the total value of the shares transferred at the date of transfer, and the value of the shares to be assessed as a proportion of the price which the operating company's undertaking would realise on sale on the basis of its net maintainable revenue and the number of years' purchase to be applied thereto, but without regard to the effect on that revenue of the said Act or of the Bermuda agreement therein mentioned;

(b) the raising by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, of money for the purpose of providing any sums required by them in order to redeem the said stock;

(c) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) of the remuneration and expenses of any tribunal set up under the said Act to assess (as mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Resolution) the total value of the shares transferred by the said Act; and

(ii) any sums required for the purpose of any undertaking given by the Treasury, in consideration of the operating company's reducing its charges, as to the making of payments to the operating company in respect of net loss of revenue consequent on the reductions;

(d) the payment into the Exchequer of any dividends on the shares transferred by the said Act paid by the operating company after their transfer, the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums so paid into the Exchequer and the application of sums so issued 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.

Ordered, That Mr. Corlett be added to the Estimates. Select Committee on Estimates.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—
1. the Borough of Tiverton, and
2. the Urban District of Llandrindod Wells.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 23rd May 1946, entitled the Education (Scotland) Miscellaneous Grants Provisional Regulations, 1946.

Copy of Rules, dated 28th May 1946, entitled the Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th May 1946, entitled the Control of Rubber Tyres (No. 9) Order, 1946.

 Copies of Orders—
1. dated 24th May 1946, entitled the Utility Handkerchiefs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946, and
2. dated 27th May 1946, entitled the General Apparel and Textiles (Wholesalers' and Retailers' Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement relative to the Call up to the Armed Forces in 1947 and 1948.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Brooks reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills, That the British Museum Bill [Lords], as amended, to be reported.

Ordered, That the Bill, originating in the Lords, be printed.

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Before the Examiners, should not be applicable thereto:—

Marquess of Abergavenny's Estate [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 Asley Ainslie Hospital Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London Midland and Scottish Railway Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Thomas Reid reported from the Select Committee on the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Bill, That they had considered the Bill and taken evidence thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, in the Select Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946, No. 627), dated 1st May 1946, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant May, be approved.—[Mr. Gencoll Hall].

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—[Mr. Joseph Henderson].

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the House be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Committee have power to sit and to report, notwithstanding the Closure.

Ordered, That the said Committee have power to report without Debate.

Ordered, That the said Committee report Progress, and have power to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee report Progress.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House. The Committee on the Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Bill [Lords], having elected Mr. Bassett Read as Chairman, proceeded to consider the Bill.

Ordered, That the said Committee be re-committed to the Select Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration;—
The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration:
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Henderson);
And, it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, (Mr. Joseph Henderson—)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Tom Smith, Esquire, a member of the Chairmen’s Panel.

[No. 151.]

Friday, 31st May, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Norwich) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read on Monday next.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Wallasey) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read on Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Poland (Supply Command,—Minute, dated 31st May 1946, of Bridging Material).

Copy of an Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the King’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer in the Administration of Estates and Treasure Trove in Scotland on behalf of the Crown in 1945, and of an Alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Haeres in Scotland, administered by the King’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer, in the same year.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Abstract Account of the Receipts of, and Payments by, the Treasury Solicitor in 1945; in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown, and Alphabetical List of Estates in respect of which Letters of Administration were granted to the Treasury Solicitor as Crown’s Nominee in 1945, and of other cases (partial intestacies, &c.) in which accounts were opened in the books of the Treasury Solicitor in the same year in respect of Moneys received by him as Crown’s Nominee.
Ordered, That the said Papers be lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th May 1946, entitled the Farm Machinery (Control of Machinery) Manufacture and Supply Order, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services) to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th May 1946, amending the Farm and the Food situation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, namely :

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Class X, Vote 2, Ministry of Food ... £10
Class VI, Vote 9, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services) ... £10
Class VI, Vote 22, Department of Agriculture, Scotland (Food Production Services) ... £10
Class X, Vote 6, Control Office for Germany and Austria ... £10
Class X, Vote 7, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration ... £10

And, it being Four o’clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the
Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Captain Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

THE London County Council (Money) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and desire their concurrence.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Norwich) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Wallasey) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 25th May 1946, entitled the Ryegrass Seed (Control) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Rules, framed by the General Nursing Council for Scotland, prescribing qualifications for Sister Tutors, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (in this resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the making out of moneys provided for the payment of subsidies in respect of hill sheep and hill cattle; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (in this resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

(a) grants not exceeding one-half of the cost of work done in accordance with schemes submitted to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State within five years from the commencement of the Act providing for the making of improvements for the benefit of hill farming land or other land suitable for use therewith for hill farming purposes, so however that the aggregate of the amounts of such grants shall not exceed four million pounds or such greater amount not exceeding five million pounds as may be provided for by order made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries
and the Secretary of State within five years from the commencement of the Act and approved by a Resolution of this House;

(b) payment of an amount equal to the cost of work done in accordance with any such scheme in so far as it is rendered abortive by the revocation or variation of the scheme in the public interest;

(c) payments, in accordance with schemes made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State respectively, in respect of sheep comprised on any of the days relevant for the purposes of the schemes in flocks kept on hill land (which days shall be, in the case of a scheme having effect as respects England and Wales or Scotland, such day of December in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven and in the four next succeeding years as may be specified in the scheme in relation to each of those years, and, in the case of a scheme having effect as respects Northern Ireland, such day of January in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven and in the four next succeeding years as may be so specified);

(d) payments, in accordance with schemes so made, in respect of the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven and each of the four next succeeding years, in respect of cattle depastured on hill land;

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

- (a) cost incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in doing work required for making improvements for the benefit of hill farming land that is subject to rights of common of pasture;

- (b) expenses incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State in defraying expenses of any advisory committee or sub-committee appointed under the Act or of any local committee constituted thereunder; and

- (c) any administrative expenses incurred for the purposes of the Act by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State or either of them; and

- (d) the payment into the Exchequer of any sum recovered under any provision of the Act from any person by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State or either of them or retained by them out of the proceeds of any sale of sheep or cattle forfeited under an order made under any provision of the Act relating to sheep or cattle imported or brought into the United Kingdom.

(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

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.

Captain Stewart reported from the Committee on Ministerial Salaries [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision as to the salaries of certain Ministers of the Crown and other persons, and as to the payment of salaries or allowances to Members of Parliament to persons in receipt of salaries or pensions under the Ministers of the Crown Act, 1937 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act of 1937"), it is expedient to authorise, as from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) any increase in the sums payable under the Act of 1937 out of moneys so provided which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session increasing the maximum amount of the annual salary of the Postmaster-General to five thousand pounds, of the Minister of Pensions to three thousand pounds, and of the Assistant Postmaster-General to fifteen hundred pounds;

(ii) of a salary to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in respect of his office of any amount by which his salary in respect thereof paid otherwise than out of moneys so provided is less than three thousand pounds a year;

(iii) any increase not exceeding two hundred pounds in the annual salary of one of the Junior Lords of the Treasury which is attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to the salaries of the Treasurer, the Comptroller, and the Vice-Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household and the said Junior Lords of the Treasury;

(iv) of salaries to the Captain of the Honorable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms and the Captain of the King's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard of an amount not exceeding twelve hundred pounds a year, and to such number of Lords in Waiting not exceeding three as the Treasury may determine of an amount not exceeding one thousand pounds a year;

(v) of any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session enabling a Member of the House of Commons to receive payments by way of salary or allowance in respect of his membership not exceeding five hundred pounds a year notwithstanding the receipt of a salary or pension under the Act of 1937.

B. The payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums payable out of that Fund which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session enabling a pension to be paid under the Act of 1937 notwithstanding the receipt of a salary or allowance in respect of membership of the House of Commons, so long as the salary or allowance does not exceed five hundred pounds a year.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Ministerial Salaries Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ministerial Salaries Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Increase in Salaries of Certain Ministers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Short title and commencement).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 36, to leave out subsection (2).—(Captain Crookshank.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence (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.)

British Museum Bill (Lords).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the British Museum 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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Atomic Energy Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 18th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Finance (No. 2) (Compensation to Assessors);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday the 18th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 18th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Diplomatic Second Reading of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 18th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railways Committee on the Railways (Valuation for Rating) (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 18th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question Supplies and being put, That the Standing Passengers Services (Amendment) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 695), dated 16th May 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 15th day of May last, be annulled (Sir Wavell Wakefield);—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir Wavell Wakefield, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter);—

Yea, 17 Noes, 105.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question Supplies and being put, That the Standing Passengers Services (Revocation) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 669), dated 16th May 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 16th day of May last, be annulled (Sir Wavell Wakefield);—

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock, adjourned till this day.
[No. 153.]

Tuesday, 4th June, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Portsmouth Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Breconshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Marquess of Abergavenny's Estate Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons for the years 1939 to 1941.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, made by the Breconshire County Council and approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the application of the property transferred to and vested in the Council under the Welsh Church Acts, 1914 to 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 158 relating to Private Business (Report of Attorney General in case of Bill affecting any charity or educational foundation)—Report by him on The Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Royal Westminister Ophthalmic Hospital and Central London Ophthalmic Hospital (Amalgamation &c.) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 30th May 1946, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st May 1946, entitled the Sea-Fishing Industry (Restriction of Fishing in Northern Waters) Suspension Order, 1946.

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 Mid and South Cheshire Water Board Bill [Lords], 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.

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) (Amendment) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946, No. 726), a copy of which was presented on the 23rd day of May last, and the Union of Sheriffs' Orders, 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of May last, 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; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to education in Scotland.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to the Burma Legislature (including the law relating to the franchise in Burma).

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Tyne Tunnel (Borrowing Control and Guarantees) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Burma Legislature Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Tyne Tunnel (Borrowing Control and Guarantees) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Burma Legislature Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Burma Legislature Bill [Lords].

The Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday, the 18th day of this instant June; and be printed.

The Burma Legislature Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second Time upon Tuesday, the 18th day of this instant June; and be printed.
T HE Birmingham Corporation Bill was read a 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 Dundee Corporation Order Confirmation 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 Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Gwael Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statement by the Cabinet Mission to India, dated 25th May 1946, in reply to pronouncements by the Indian Parties, and Memorandum by the Mission on States’ Treaties and Paramountcy.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement by the Cabinet Mission to India, dated 25th May 1946, in reply to pronouncements by the Indian Parties, and Memorandum by the Mission on States’ Treaties and Paramountcy.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st June 1946, entitled the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Amendment Regulations... (Scotland) (No. 2), 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the estimated Income and Expenditure of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers’ Foundation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Shimwell presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Quarterly Statistical Statements of the costs of production, proceeds and profits of the coal mining industry for the fourth quarters of 1944 and of 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services Act of Parliament,—Copy of a General Licence, dated 30th May 1946, in directions of an Act of Parliament.
Mr. Brooks reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Tees Conservancy Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to alter the constitution of the Tees Conservancy Commissioners; to authorise the Commissioners to make works, to acquire and hold lands and to provide and carry on docks wharves quays landing places and the like; to make provision for the rates tolls dues and charges demandable by the Commissioners; to extend the time for the construction of certain works by the Commissioners; to confer upon the Commissioners further powers with respect to the raising of money; and for other purposes; and had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to alter the constitution of the Tees Conservancy Commissioners; to authorise the Commissioners to make works, to acquire and hold lands and to provide and carry on docks wharves quays landing places and the like; to make provision for the rates tolls dues and charges demandable by the Commissioners; to extend the time for the construction of certain works by the Commissioners; to confer upon the Commissioners further powers with respect to the raising of money; 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.

Mr. Brooks further reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills, That there being no business ready for the consideration of the Committee, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 18th day of this instant June, at Eleven of the clock.

Sir Robert Young reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D:—Mr. Cooper-Key; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Vane.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Hill Farming Bill):—Mr. Alpass, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Colicich, Mr. Drayson, Sir Thomas Dyndale, Mr. Dye, Mr. Farthing, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Gallacher, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Lancers, Major McCullum, Captain MacLeod, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Sir Hugh O'Neill, Captain Peart, Mr. Price, Mr. Pryde, Lord William Scott, Mr. Snadden, Mr. Thornton-Kemnsey, Mr. Turton, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Westwood, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Wilkins and Major Wise.

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 Ministerial Salaries Bill, without any Amendment.

The Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 18th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(The Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Class II.

Vote I. Foreign Office.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £2,292,030, 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 1947, 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. Whiteley)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley);

And, it being Ten 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. Robert Taylor);

And, it being half an hour after Ten 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 half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Dundee Corporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, was according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement of the Strength and Casualties of the Armed Forces.
Awards for Services and Auxiliary Services of the United Kingdom during the years 1939 to 1945.

Copy of a Memorandum on the institution of the War Medal, 1939–45, and the India Service Medal, 1939–45, together with other information relative to the wearing of Decorations for War Service.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Glendower Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Orders, entitled—
(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (Canada) Order, 1946, and
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Government of Burma (House of Representatives) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd June 1946, entitled the Education (Meals Service) (Scotland) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 4th June 1946, legalising a new denomination as a Board of Trade Standard.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 4th June 1946, making provision for the retired pay, pensions and other grants payable in respect of the Naval Forces and their Nursing and Auxiliary Services disabled or killed during the War.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders, dated 31st May 1946,—
(1) revoking the Control of Woollen and Worsted Clippings and Other Residues (No. 2) Order, 1942, and
(2) entitled the Control of Wool (No. 30) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd June 1946, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st June 1946, entitled the


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Miss Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 31st May 1946, entitled the Schemes of Divisional Administration (Notices) Provisional Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stracey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 4th June 1946,—
(1) amending the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1945,
(2) amending the Egg Products (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1943, and
(3) amending the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

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:

General Report and Accounts of the Consumers of Water and Sewage in the River Thames for 1945.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Cardiff Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Cardiff Corporation Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments therein; and had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to authorise the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Cardiff to execute works and acquire lands; to authorise the Corporation to run trolley vehicles on an additional route; to confer further powers upon the Corporation; 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Newcastle-on-Tyne Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill (Lords), and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments therein; 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.
Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Rushden District Gas Bill [Lords], 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.

Mr. Benson reported for the Select Committee on the Cable and Wireless Bill, That they had considered the Bill, and taken Evidence thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 20th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Cable and Wireless Bill have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. Benson accordingly reported from the said Committee, That they had come to a Resolution which they had directed him to report to the House:—And the same was read as follows:

That adequate protection for officers and servants of Cable and Wireless, Limited, whose position may be prejudiced by the provisions of the Bill, be given by such means as the House may think fit.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £40, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services relating to Scottish Agriculture, Transport Services to the Western Highlands and Islands and Education for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Class VI., Vote 21, Department of Agriculture for Scotland ... ... £10

Class VI., Vote 22, Department of Agriculture for Scotland (Food Production Services) ... ... £10

Class IV., Vote 23, Scottish Home Department ... ... £10

Class IV., Vote 13, Public Education, Scotland ... ... £10

£40

Whereupon the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Admiral Sir Royal Assent.

Guy Royle, K.C.B., C.M.G., Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned:

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

5. Astley Ainslie Hospital Order Confirmation Act, 1946.
7. Great Western Railway Act, 1946.

Then the House again resolved itself into Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Question again proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £40, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services relating to Scottish Agriculture, Transport Services to the Western Highlands and Islands and Education for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Class VI., Vote 21, Department of Agriculture for Scotland ... ... £10

Class VI., Vote 22, Department of Agriculture for Scotland (Food Production Services) ... ... £10

Class I., Vote 25, Scottish Home Department ... ... ... ... £10

Class IV., Vote 13, Public Education, Scotland ... ... ... ... £10

£40

And, it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

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.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order, dated 21st May 1946, amending the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1946, No. 733), a copy of which amending Order was presented on the 27th day of May last, be annulled—(Sir John Mellor):—
It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Henderson);

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 made upon the 16th day of August last, it being then twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Portsmouth Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dundee Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday the 18th day of this instant June.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday the 18th day of this instant June.

Mr. Secretary Eds presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st May 1946, adding Orders LIX E and LXII A to the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland), 1936.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Directions—

(1) dated 3rd June 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Men’s, Youths’ and Boys’ Outerwear) (Consolidation) Directions, 1946,

(2) dated 3rd June 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Women’s and Maids’ Outerwear) (Consolidation) Directions, 1946, and

(3) dated 4th June 1946, entitled the Woven Wool Cloth (Manufacture and Supply) (Consolidation) Directions, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd June 1946, entitled the Control of Paper (No. 73) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment day, do adjourn till Tuesday, the 18th day of this instant June.—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley);

And, it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Popplewell);

And, it being half an hour after Four of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Tuesday the 18th day of this instant June, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions [Lords] for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and previously referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into, are applicable thereto, viz.:

Tyne Tunnel 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 [Lords] for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Skegness Pier Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the High Wycombe Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Dundee Corporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The 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 Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of a Protocol between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America covering Exclusive Telecommunications Agreements, made at Bermuda on the 4th day of December 1945.

Copy of an Agreement between the Governments represented at the Bermuda Telecommunications Conference, made at Bermuda on the 4th day of December 1945.


Paper relative to the Trusteeship of Territories in Africa under United Kingdom Mandate.

Mr. Glennis Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Papers relative to the position, as at the 31st day of March 1946, of certain Funds left in Trust for the Reduction of the National Debt.

Mr. Glennis Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on the 1st day of June 1946, on loans raised by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Air Navigation be printed.

Mr. Secretary Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of Schemes made under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, (1) dated 5th June 1946, entitled the Mental Nurses (Employment and Offences) (Revocation) Order (Scotland), 1946.

Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 217 Universities (No. 73 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh) (Alteration of title of the Chair of Constitutional Law and Constitutional History and Amendment of Ordinance No. 23 (No. 5 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh) of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858, and of Ordinance No. 30 (No. 7 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh) of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 4th June 1946, amending the Sixth Schedule to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on the 20th day of March 1946, amending the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, on the 20th day of March 1946, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th June 1946, entitled the Control of Engagement Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme of the Local Government Superannuation Joint Committee and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937—

Copy of an Order, dated 5th June 1946, entitled the Mental Nurses (Employment and Offences) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th June 1946, entitled the Control of Bolts, Nuts, Screws, Screw Studs, Washers and Rivets (No. 11) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 5th June 1946, entitled the Carrots (1946 Crop) (No. 1) Order, 1946.
(2) dated 12th June 1946, amending the Feeding Stuffs (Regulation of Manufacture) Order, 1944.

(3) dated 17th June 1946, entitled the Milk Marketing (County of Orkney) Order, 1946, and


Copy of Directions, dated 12th June 1946, supplementary to the Feeding Stuffs (Rationing) Order, 1943.

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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further powers on the Caledonian Insurance Company and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend enactments relating to the method of charging for gas supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Caledonian Insurance Company Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Gas Light and Coke Company Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

John Evans, Esquire, Member for the County of Glamorgan (Ogmore Division), was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.) Civil Estimates, 1946.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £60, be granted to His Majesty; towards defraying the charges for the following services relating to Food Production for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Class VI., Vote 8, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. £10

Class VI., Vote 9, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services). £10

Class VI., Vote 21, Department of Agriculture for Scotland. £10

Class VI., Vote 22, Department of Agriculture for Scotland (Food Production Services). £10

Class VI., Vote 23, Fisheries, Scotland. £10

Class VI., Vote 24, Herring Industry. £10

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class VI., Vote 8, be reduced by £5.

—[Mr. Robert Hudson.] The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Yeas, Commander Agnew : 157.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Collingridge, Noes, Captain Stewart : 284.]

Original Question again proposed; and, it being after Ten o'clock and objection being taken further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

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—

(Captain Stewart);

And, it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

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The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

The Reading Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

The Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

The Derby Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

The Skogness Pier Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Government Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of April 1946, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Convention between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Belgian Government for the Promotion of Mutual Understanding of Intellectual, Artistic and Scientific Activities, with Notes exchanged, signed at Brussels on the 17th day of April 1946 (The Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement of German, Italian and Japanese U-Boat Casualties during the War, and the Particulars of their Destruction.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report of the Cotton Board on the discharge of its functions during 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 15th June 1946, entitled—

(1) the Railways (Additional Charges) Order, 1946, and

(2) the Railways (Additional Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th June 1946, entitled the London Passenger Transport Board (Additional Charges) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th June 1946, entitled the Railway-owned Canals (Increase of Charges) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th June 1946, entitled the Railway-owned Harbours, Docks and Piers (Increase of Charges) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other grants for Members of the Air Forces and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children, Parents and other Dependents of such Members deceased, in consequence of Service during the 1939 World War.

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.)

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Finance (No. 2) (Compensation to Assessors), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to finance it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of annual allowances by way of compensation to any persons employed as assessors for the purposes of income tax and land tax immediately before the passing of the said Act whose appointments are terminated by that Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.
Clause No. 2 (Coffee and Chicory extracts, etc.). Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Bing: Mr. E. S. Hare.
Noes, Mr. Studholme: 118.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.
Clause No. 4 (Imperial preference for Sugar, etc.). Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 28, to leave out the word “forty-eight,” and insert the word “fifty.”—(Sir Peter Macdonald.)

Question put, That the word “forty-eight,” stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson: Mr. Hanham: 268.
Noes, Mr. Drewe, Noes, Mr. Studholme: 127.

Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 5 agreed to.
Clause No. 6 (Reduction of entertainments duty on certain games and sports, etc.). Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 3, to leave out the word “vessels.”—(Mr. Douglas Marshall.)

Question proposed, That the word “vessels” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 7 (Entertainments duty on certain entertainments provided by bodies which are not profit making).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed in page 4, line 26, at the end, to insert the words:—“Entertainments duty shall likewise not be charged on payments for admission to any such entertainment, where the Commissioners are satisfied that the entertainment is produced by a person, company, society, institution, or committee, whose object in producing the entertainment is partly educational, and that up to the date of such admission no profit has been made out of the entertainment by the producer: Provided that entertainments duty shall be charged on payments for admission after the date by which the Commissioners are satisfied that the excess of the total receipts over the total running costs of providing the entertainment is sufficient to recoup the initial production cost properly applicable to such entertainment.”—(Sir Alan Herbert.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Alan Herbert: Mr. Edward Smith: 103.
Noes, Mr. Popplewell: 275.
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Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 6 to 14 agreed to.
Clause No. 15 (Purchase tax to be charged on goods resulting from chargeable processes).
Amendment proposed, in page 10, line 22, after the word "process," to insert the words "or where a chargeable process is applied to any goods under a contract and the person to whose order the process is applied under the contract certifies that the resulting goods are for his own use and will not be offered for sale."—(Mr. Turton.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 16 to 19 agreed to.
Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ways and Means.

In the Committee.

Income Tax (Northern Ireland benefit and family allowances).
Resolved, That income tax shall be charged on benefit under any Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland relating to national insurance or any Act amending any such Act and on family allowances payable under the Family Allowances Act (Northern Ireland), 1945, or any Act amending that Act.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Captain Snow reported from the Committee on Hill Farming [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for promoting the rehabilitation of hill farming land; for the payment of subsidies in respect of hill sheep and hill cattle; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (in this resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the making out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) grants not exceeding one-half of the cost of work done in accordance with schemes submitted to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State within five years from the commencement of the Act providing for the making of improvements for the benefit of hill farming land or other land suitable for use therewith for hill farming purposes, so however that the aggregate of the amounts of such grants shall not exceed four million pounds or such greater amount not exceeding five million pounds as may be provided for by order made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State within five years from the commencement of the Act and approved by a Resolution of this House;

(b) payment of an amount equal to the cost of work done in accordance with any such scheme in so far as it is rendered abortive by the revocation or variation of the scheme in the public interest;

(c) payments, in accordance with schemes made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State respectively, in respect of sheep comprised in flocks, kept on hill land (which days shall be, in the case of a scheme having effect as respects England and Wales or Scotland, such day of December in the year nineteen hundred and forty-six and in the four next succeeding years as may be specified in the scheme in relation to each of those years, and, in the case of a scheme having effect as respects Northern Ireland, such day of January in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven and each of the four next succeeding years as may be so specified);

(d) payments, in accordance with schemes so made, in respect of the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven and forty-seven and in the four next succeeding years, in respect of cattle depastured on hill land;

(2) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) cost incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in doing work required for making improvements for the benefit of hill farming land that is subject to rights of common of pasture;—

(b) expenses incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State in defraying expenses of any advisory committee or sub-committee appointed under the Act or of any local committee constituted thereunder; and

(c) any administrative expenses incurred for the purposes of the Act by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State or either of them; and

(3) the payment into the Exchequer of any sum recovered under any provision of the Act from any person by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State or either of them or retained by them out of the proceeds of any sale of sheep or cattle forfeited under an order made under any provision of the Act relating to sheep or cattle imported or brought into the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
A Motion was made, and the question being proposed, that this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

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And, 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 made upon the 16th day of August last, it being then twenty-eight minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

Prayers.

The City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cardiff Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of a General Licence, dated 17th June 1946, under the Food Rationing Orders, 1945-46.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, he had certified in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order 3 relative to Private Business (Requirements as to Proof before Examiner), that the proposed Bill related to the estate of an individual and was, in his opinion, such that Standing Orders 4 to 68 relative to Private Business, being Standing Orders compliance with which is required to be proved before the Examiners, should not be applicable thereto:—

Rhodes Trust [Lords].

Mr. Brookes reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills, that they had examined the allegations of the Banbury 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.

Mr. Frank Anderson reported from Standing Committee A, that they had gone through the New Towns Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Robert Young reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D.—Dr. Clitherow; and had appointed in substitution Major Poole.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Hill Farming Bill) — Captain MacLeod; and had appointed in substitution Sir John Barlow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message from the Lords was brought from the Lords, intituled, An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Will of Sir John Barlow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, Private Bill Petitions [Lords].

No. 153.

Standing Committee A. New Towns Bill.

Bill 137.

Merchant Seamen’s Fund Winding-up Act, 1851, for the direction of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Seamen’s Fund Winding-up Act, 1851, for 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th June 1946, amending the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1944.

Copy of a General Licence, dated 17th June 1946, under the Food Rationing Orders, 1945-46.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Will of the late Right Honourable Cecil John Rhodes; and for other purposes.

The Rhodes Trust Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 19th day of June last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Income Tax (Northern Ireland benefit and family allowances).

That income tax shall be charged on benefit under any Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland under any Act of the Parliament of Northern
Ireland relating to national insurance or any Act amending any such Act and on family allowances Act (Northern Ireland), 1945, or any Act amending that Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

Clause No. 20 (Amendments of Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, s. 28).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 42, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Where by any provision of this or any subsequent Act any change is made in the classes of goods which are chargeable goods or in the rate at which tax is chargeable in respect of goods of any class and the change has the effect of reducing the amount of tax which is chargeable, the buyer under a purchase by virtue of which such goods became chargeable shall be entitled to return to the seller of such goods the difference in respect of any such goods delivered to him in pursuance of any purchase made by him during such period prior to the date upon which the said change takes effect as the Treasury may by order direct in respect of any class of goods and upon application by the buyer together with such invoices the seller shall repay to the buyer such amount as represents the purchase tax paid or the difference between the purchase tax paid and the purchase tax chargeable in respect of such goods after the change, and the seller shall be entitled to claim from the Commissioners the sums so paid by him to the buyer on proof to their satisfaction that the amount has been paid in accordance with this subsection. The claim shall be satisfied by repayment or by deduction from the amount of purchase tax otherwise due and payable by the seller to the Commissioners.

The provisions of subsection (2) of section twenty-eight of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, shall apply as between the buyer who has received repayment from the seller under this subsection and any subsequent buyers and as between subsequent buyers of those goods for the purpose of resale as though the repayment were the benefit referred to in the said subsection (2) of section twenty-eight and the buyers who have received the benefit of this subsection were the seller referred to in the said subsection (2) of section twenty-eight."

—(Mr. Peake.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Drew, Yeas, Mr. Studholme \} 120.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Bing \} 229.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Increase of earned income relief, etc.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 44, at the end, to insert the words " and as if the words " two hundred pounds " were substituted for the words " one hundred and fifty pounds."—(Mr. Marples.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Studholme, Yeas, Major Conant \} 130.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes, Mr. Hunnian \} 248.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 22 agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Repayment of post-war credits in certain cases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 6, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Subject to the provisions of this section upon being furnished with proof of the death of any person who, if he had been living at the date fixed by the Treasury under subsection (1) of section seven of the Finance Act, 1941, have been entitled to have a post-war credit to which this section applies credited to him for his own use and whose title to the credit would not have arisen under or by virtue of any assignment or charge other than an assignment by the personal representative of a deceased person to a beneficiary under the will or other testamentary disposition of or on the intestacy of the deceased person the Commissioners of the Inland Revenue shall pay to the personal representatives of such person the amount falling to be credited to him under the said section seven 'as soon as may be after the date when such proof shall have been furnished to them, not being in any case earlier than the first day of August nineteen hundred and forty-six.'—(Mr. Peake.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \{Sir Arthur Yeang, Yeas, Mr. Drew \} 121.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes, Mr. Pearson \} 228.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 16, l. 40, at the end, to insert the words—"Provided that any certificate of age required by the Commissioners shall be obtainable free of charge."—(Mr. Keeling.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Insurance contributions, family allowances and insurance benefit).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 16, after the word " under," to insert the words " the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act and. "—(Captain Crookshank.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \{Mr. Studholme, Yeas, Major Conant \} 112.

Tellers for the \{Captain Stewart, Noes, Mr. Popplewell \} 217.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 17, l. 42, to leave out from the second word " grant, " to the word " shall, " in l. 43.—(Mr. Butcher.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising:

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed Closure claimed.
Adjournment.

The Chairman withheld his assent as he thought the Committee would soon be willing to come to a decision without that Motion.—Debate resumed:

Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the f [Captain Stewart,

Yea, [Mr. Popplewell];

Noo, [Mr. Bicher],

204.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Surtax on income under settlements).

Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 2, at the end, to insert the words "(f) is payable to the National Trust; or (g) is payable to a charity."

—(Mr. Keeling.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided;

Tellers for the f [Mr. Robert Taylor];

Yea, [Mr. Kirby and Mr. Lever be added to the Committee].

Noo, [Major Macpherson];

48.

Orders, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board Bill [Lords] be now read the third time; and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The High Wycombe Corporation Bill was High Wycombe Corporation Bill

Friday, 21st June, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Railways (Valuation for Rating) (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.
A Clause (Superannuation, &c., of employees of Railway Assessment Authority)—(Mr. Bradshaw) • and read the first and second time, and added.
First and Second Schedules agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made a further Amendment 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.
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 Superannuation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Captain Snow.)
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Superannuation [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 amend the Superannuation Acts and to make further provision as to persons employed in the civil service of the State whose superannuation benefits are regulated under the enactments relating to teachers or to officers and servants of local authorities, or under certain approved schemes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys under the Superannuation Acts or moneys provided by Parliament for any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under the Superannuation Acts of service which is reckoned for the purposes of the enactments relating to the superannuation of teachers and as to the reckoning for the purposes of the Superannuation Acts, to make further provision as to reckoning for the purposes of any of the said enactments,

(a) enabling war service during a period beginning with the third day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, to be reckoned for the purposes of the Superannuation Acts,
(b) making special provision for reckoning for those purposes the service of persons becoming civil servants after reaching the age of thirty-five,
(c) authorising the making of awards in the case of persons employed in the civil service of the State whose employment has been interrupted or terminated by war circumstances, and the payment of gratuities on the termination of their employment to persons employed in the Control Service for Germany and Austria,
(d) making provision as to persons employed in the civil service of the State who are subject to superannuation schemes operated under the Federated Superannuation System for Universities, the Federated Superannuation Scheme for Nurses and Hospital Officers and other schemes approved for the purposes of the said Act of the present Session,
(e) making further provision as to the reckoning, for the purposes of the enactments relating to the superannuation of teachers, of service as a civil servant, and as to the reckoning for the purposes of the Superannuation Acts of service which is reckoned for the purposes of any of the said enactments,

(f) making provision for extending section three of the Superannuation Act, 1935, to service in an unestablished capacity between the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and eighteen and the commencement of the said Act, and for granting to persons debarred by age from being appointed civil servants superannuation benefits determined by reference to the benefits for which they would have been eligible if they had been so appointed, the said provision having effect, in relation to payments of superannuation allowance, only for periods after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-six,
(g) amending the provisions of the Superannuation Acts relating to service in two or more public offices, to persons transferred from the civil service to approved employments, to the date from which persons who become civil servants after serving in an unestablished capacity may be treated as having become civil servants, and to the superannuation of persons transferring between local authority service and service in the civil service of the State, and making provision as to reckoning for the purposes of retirement gratuity the service as a civil servant of a married woman who on marriage ceases to be a civil servant and is transferred to an unestablished capacity.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)
Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill [Lords]; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And, it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Snow.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
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Monday, 24th June, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Cardiff Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rushden District Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Rhodes Trust Bill [Lords].

The Rhodes Trust Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords].

The Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Civil Estimates, 1946 (Revised Estimate). No. 154.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Revised Estimate of the Sum required in the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Seventh Report of the Royal Fine Art Commission, for the years 1937 to 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Amendment, dated 6th June 1946, to the Reserved Posts (Indian Civil Service) Rules, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th June 1946, entitled the Control of Rubber (No. 26) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th June 1946, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (No. 9) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Miss Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Seventh Annual Report of the National Camps Corporation Limited (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 18th June 1946, amending the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1945, and

(2) dated 20th June 1946, amending the Cereal Breakfast Foods (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th June 1946, amending the Rationing (Personal Points) Order, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th June 1946, amending the Soap (Licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) (No. 2) Order, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watson reported from the Committee of Selection (Standing Committee D) on Group D of Private Bills, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Hill Farming Bill)—Mr. James Hudson and Mr. Watkins; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Daggar and Mr. Robert Hudson.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 26 (Relief for payments for technical education).

Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 44, after the word "trade," to insert the words "or profession."—(Sir Arnold Gridley).

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 6, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir Arnold Gridley).

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause; Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, 204.

Mr. Bing; Yeas, 204.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Commander Agnew, 97.

Mr. Studholme, 204.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 27 agreed to.

Clause No. 28 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 29 and 30 agreed to.
Clause No. 31 (Termination of Excess Profits Tax).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 32 (Relief from excess profits tax for terminal expenses).

Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 28, to leave out paragraph (b), and insert the words—

"(b) in the case of the rehabilitation costs mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection (5) of this section, that the profits of the trade or business shall be treated as reduced for the purposes of the excess profits tax for the chargeable accounting periods by the amount which will result from dividing the expenses evenly over the time from the date when the original works were constructed, or the removal made, or the buildings, machinery or plant were first altered, or from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, whichever is the later, up to the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-six."

—(Sir Arnold Gridley).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 43, at the end, to insert the words "or for such further period as the Commissioners may approve."—(Sir John Anderson).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 23, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided further that, if owing to the deferment of the necessary repairs and renewals that the building machinery or plant is in such a condition that it is more expedient for the efficiency of the business to replace the building machinery or plant instead of repairing it, the said expression shall be extended to include the cost of such replacement up to an amount that would have been incurred on repairing such building machinery or plant."—(Sir Arnold Gridley).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 47, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) Expenditure which, in the case of a building machinery or plant in a condition that is more expedient for the efficiency of the business to replace the building machinery or plant instead of repairing it, the said expression shall be extended to include the cost of such replacement up to an amount that would have been incurred on repairing such building machinery or plant."

—(Mr. Alfred Edwards).

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

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Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 53 to 58 agreed to.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Stanley):—Debate arising;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Pearson, \} 206.
Yea,
Mr. Bing:
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Drew, Noes, \} 83.
Mr. Studholme:
Question put accordingly, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Studholme, Yeas, \} 81.
Mr. Major Conant:
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Pearson, Noes, \} 207.
Mr. Bing:
A Clause (Rehabilitation costs incurred before end of 1946)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
Another Clause (Cancellation costs)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in line 10, to leave out from the word "as," to the end of line 12, and insert the words "a result of the alteration in the scope or character of the business in consequence of the war."—(Sir Arnold Gridley).

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Bing, Yeas, \} 202.
Mr. Popplewell:
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Drew, Noes, \} 72.
Mr. Major Conant:
Clause added.

Another Clause (Receipts by joint authorities to meet deficits)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas, \} 195.
Captain Stewart:
Tellers for the \{ Commander Agnew, Noes, \} 71.
Mr. Studholme:
Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put accordingly, and agreed to.
Clause added.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Captain Crookshank):—Debate arising;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:

Question put, That the Question be now put;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas, \} 189.
Captain Stewart:
Tellers for the \{ Commander Agnew, Noes, \} 75.
Mr. Studholme:
Question put accordingly, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the \{ Sir Arthur Young, Yeas, \} 75.
Major Conant:
Tellers for the \{ Captain Stewart, Noes, \} 188.
Mr. Popplewell:
Another Clause (Easter offerings)—(Mr. Lang)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:

Question put, That the Question be now put;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas, \} 184.
Mr. Popplewell:
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Noes, \} 59.
Commander Agnew:
Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Lang, Yeas, \} 67.
Lieutenant-Commander Joyinson-Hicks:
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes, \} 179.
Mr. Popplewell:
Another Clause (Revised rates of entertainments duty)—(Sir Wavell Wakefield)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:

Question put, That the Question be now put;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the \{ Sir Arthur Young, Yeas, \} 65.
Mr. Drew:
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Simmons, Noes, \} 205.
Mr. Popplewell:
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Stanley):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Clause (Option to have refunds treated as profits of 1947–48)—(Colonel Hutchinson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived. Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Eleven of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, are applicable thereto, viz.:

Gas Light and Coke Company 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, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Caledonian Insurance Company Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Tees Conservancy Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205, relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading), be suspended.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Glencil Hall presented, pursuant to the Purchase Tax directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Exemptions) Order, dated 21st June 1946, entitled the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Bolton Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of an Enquiry by R. Moelwyn Hughes, Esquire, K.C., into the Disaster at the Bolton Wanderers Football Ground on the 9th day of March 1946.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Council of the County of Nottingham, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Treaty Series Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America at Washington between the 25th day of March and the 7th day of May 1946, extending the Marine Transportation and Litigation Agreement of the 4th day of December 1942.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bottomley presented, by His Majesty's Newfoundland Command,—Copy of a Report on the Financial and Economic Position of Newfoundland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Lunacy and Mental Deficiency Laws. Command,—Copy of a Report of the Committee on the Scottish Lunacy and Mental Deficiency Laws.

Mr. Secretary Westwood also presented, Public Health Regulations, dated 19th June 1946, entitled the Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations (Scotland), 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the Road Vehicles Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, dated 18th June 1946, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of an Order (No. 6737), dated 24th June 1946, authorising the landing of pedigree swine from Canada.

Copy of an Order dated 21st June 1946, entitled the Bulls (Carmarthenshire) (Control) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th June 1946, entitled the Control of Non-Ferrous Metals (No. 23) (Cadmium) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Manchester Corporation Bill and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had 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.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, 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 Drafts of the Government of Burma (House of Representatives) (Amendment) Order, 1946, the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (Canada) Order, 1946, and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order, 1946, copies of which were presented on the 6th day of this Instant June, 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, and be printed.

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order Sittings of the House.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Pearse, Mr. Pearson; Mr. Studholme.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewe, Mr. Wilmot.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee).

Another Clause (Repeal of s. 6 of Finance Act, 1933)—(Mr. Erroll)—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 (Customs duty on oils for producing gas)—(Mr. Orr-Ewing)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Exemption from stamp duty of certain conveyances on sale)—(Lieutenant-Commander Hutchison)—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, Major Conant, Sir Arthur Young, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Popplewell.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewe, Mr. Wilmot.

Another Clause (Allowance of rehabilitation costs for profits tax)—(Sir Arnold Gridley)—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 (Further reduction of duty on publicans' licences in respect of diminution in supplies of wines and spirits)—(Sir Patrick Hannon)—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. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Drewe, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Popplewell.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wilmot.

Another Clause (Maintenance and development expenditure to be a deduction for surtax purposes in certain cases)—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth)—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, Sir Arthur Young, Commander Agnew, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Simmons.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewe.

Another Clause (Medical expenses)—(Mr. Champion)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of 31 of Finance Act, 1926)—(Mr. Keddie)—brought up, and read the first time.
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Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of 57 and 58 Vict., c. 30, s. 4, as to aggregation)—(Mr. Erroll)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Relief for tenants on the maintenance of property)—(Viscount Hinchingbrooke)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Repeal of s. 5 of Finance Act, 1925)—(Mr. Erroll)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Exemption from duty of agricultural implements and raw materials)—(Mr. Hopkin Morris)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Tenth and Eleventh Schedules agreed to.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Turton],
Yea, Mr. Crosshuywaite-Eyre:—77.
Noes, Mr. Bing:—188.

Schedule agreed to.

Fourth Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Fifth to Eighth Schedules agreed to.

Ninth Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 64, to leave out ll. 14 to 33, and insert the words—

"Exceeding 10,000 and not exceeding 15,000 7-2
15,000 10-8
18,000 15-0
21,000 20-6
25,000 26-0
30,000 31-2
40,000 41-6
50,000 50-4
60,000 60-8
75,000 75-2
100,000 100-6
120,000 120-0
150,000 150-4
200,000 200-8
300,000 300-2
500,000 500-6
800,000 800-0
1,000,000 1,000-4
1,250,000 1,250-8
1,500,000 1,500-2
2,000,000 2,000-6

—(Sir John Anderson).

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson],
Yea, Mr. Bing:—182.
Noes, Mr. Studholme:—59.

Schedule agreed to.

Tenth and Eleventh Schedules agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Bill:

And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 1, l. 5, after "may", insert "during the period of five years from the passing of this Act", the first Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment,—

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:—38.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons],
Yea, Mr. Poppkwell:—186.
Noes, Mr. Stoddle:—62.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Askehton, Mr. Brachen, Mr. Callaghan and Mr. Mayhew.

And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).

Mr. Secretary Ede, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Cable and Wireless (Money) (No. 2) 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 bring the share capital of Cable and Wireless Limited (in this Resolution referred to as "the operating company") into public ownership, to provide for the cost of making certain payments to the operating company in connection with reductions in its charges and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required for the purpose of any undertaking given by the Treasury to Cable and Wireless (Holding) Limited for indemnifying that company against liabilities in respect of pensions or other benefits payable on the death or retirement of persons in employment with the operating company, or with any other company or body whose telegraph business was acquired by the operating company, or of the sufficiency or administration of any fund for the provision of such pensions or other benefits.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall).

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 this day.

Resolved, That the Union of Sheriffdoms Sheriffs Order, 1946, dated 15th May 1946, made by (Scotland), the Secretary of State for Scotland under Section 32 (2) of the Administration of Justice (Scotland) Act, 1933, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Biscuits (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 726) dated 20th May 1946, made by the Treasury under Section 2 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, and Section 5 of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, a copy of which Order was presented on the 23rd day of May last, be approved—(Mr. Robert Taylor):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Whiteley).

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported Borrowing from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Bill; That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same was read, as followeth:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 1, l. 5, for the following Reason:

Because they deem it necessary that the powers conferred by Clause No. 1 of the Bill should be permanent.

The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendment): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Taylor).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes after Four of the clock upon Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

MR. GLOUCESTRIAN HALL presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of all Deposits received and paid during 1945, together with Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank on the 31st day of December 1945, and the nature and amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners to meet those Liabilities at that date.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th June 1946, entitled the Milk Marketing (County of Orkney (Charges)) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Council of the County Borough of Rochdale and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood, presented by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st May 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th June 1946, entitled—
(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 1946, and
(2) the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order dated 21st June 1946, entitled the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1946.

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 (Norwich) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto:

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Wallasey) 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 West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the Order contained in the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill (Lords), 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Marquess of Abergavenny's Estate Bill (Lords), and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Estimates. Estimates have leave to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on the 17th day of April last.

Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, 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 Sub-Committee D on the 17th day of April last: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Resolved, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mid and South City of London Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill respecting the property and funds of the said Hospital and Ophthalmic Hospital Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital The Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital and The Central London Ophthalmic Hospital (Amalgamation &c.) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amalgamate The Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital and The Central London Ophthalmic Hospital; to make provision with respect to the property and funds of the said Hospitals; to incorporate the governing body of the amalgamated Hospitals; 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 on the County Council of West Sussex with respect to the acquisition and user of lands; the stopping up and diversion of highways and the sale of coke; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital and Central London Ophthalmic Hospital (Amalgamation &c.) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The West Sussex County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Supply (14th allotted Day).

Lieutenant Charles Heron Maillan, M.A., R.N.V.R., Member for the County of Down, was sworn.

Vote 16. Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £13,200,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

And, it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Estimates.

Estimates have power to appoint a sub-committee to visit Germany for the purpose of examining the Estimate for the Control Office for Germany and Austria and to hold sittings for that purpose in Berlin and in the British zone of occupation.—(Mr. Kirby.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Railway-owned Harbours, Docks and Piers (Increase of Charges) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 846), dated 15th June 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 19th day of this instant June, be annulled—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter):—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Railways (Additional Charges) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 842), dated 15th June 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 19th day of this instant June, be annulled—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter):—The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Robert Taylor).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
Thursday, 27th June, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Rushden District Gas 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 ;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords ; and acquaint them, that this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Wallasey) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill, was according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Norwich) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Amendment, dated 11th June 1946, to the Indian Legislative Assembly Electoral Rules.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum by the Secretary of State for Scotland setting out the Provisions of the New Towns Bill (as amended by Standing Committee A) as it applies to Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th June 1946, entitled the Diplomatic Privileges (the European Coal Organisation) Order in Council, 1946.

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Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th June 1946, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (War Marriages) (Fiji, Jamaica and Kenya) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th June 1946, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Sea-men's Provisions) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report respecting the applications to, and proceedings of, the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936 from the 1st day of April 1945 to the 31st day of March 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Touche reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Civil Aviation Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next ; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1946.

Vote 12. War Office.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £1,082,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the War Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, in addition to the sum of £2,098,000 to be allocated for this purpose from the sum of £450,000,000 voted on account of Army Services generally.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Subhead A be reduced by £100 in respect of the salary of the Secretary of State for War.—(Mr. Grimston).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Commander Agnew,

Yeas, Major Conant: 97.

Tellers for the Captain Stewart,

Nos, Mr. Simmons: 193.

Original Question again proposed ; and, it being after Ten o'clock and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred ; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Control of Penicillin (No. 1) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 734), dated 21st May 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 24th day of May last, be annulled—(Mr. Edward Smith) : The House divided. The Yeas to the Right: The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Edward Smith, Yeas: Mr. Charles Taylor: 45.
Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noses, Captain Stewart: 145.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Taylor).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Friday, 28th June, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

T HE Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Norwich) 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 Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, that they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of His Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State, on or before the 27th day of March 1946, namely, the Aberdeen Harbour Order, the Forth Road Bridge Order, the London and North Eastern Railway Order and the St. Andrews Links Order, and are of opinion that the Orders be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the said Orders.

Copy of the Second Report of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, for the year 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th June 1946, revoking Paragraph (4) of Regulation 51 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Directions—

(1) dated 21st June 1946, entitled the Corsets (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 15) Directions, 1946, and

(2) dated 22nd June 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Men’s and Boys’ Shirts, Underwear and Nightwear) (Consolidation) Directions, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1946, Goods and Services (Price Control), 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—


(2) Bebington Town Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday, next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the surpluses and deficits upon Navy and Air Grants for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, and the application of surplus receipts realised under certain Votes for Navy and Air Services towards making good deficits in receipts under other Votes in the respective Departments.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy and Air Departments which were presented upon the 22nd day of January last, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Whiteley).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Burma Legislature Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (The franchise). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 27, to leave out the word “twenty-one,” and insert the word “eighteen.”—(Mr. Driffield.) Question, That the word “twenty-one,” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 6 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments:—to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
Mr. Robert Taylor reported, from the Committee on Superannuation (Money), a Resolution which was agreed to.

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Superannuation Acts and to make further provision as to persons employed in the civil service of the State whose superannuation benefits are regulated under the enactments relating to teachers or to officers and servants of local authorities, or under certain approved schemes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under the Superannuation Acts or the enactments relating to the superannuation of teachers and any other expenses of a Minister or other person, being an increase or expenses attributable to provisions (including retrospective provisions) of the said Act of the present Session.

(a) enabling war service during a period beginning with the third day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, to be reckoned for the purposes of the Superannuation Acts,

(b) making special provision for reckoning for those purposes the service of persons becoming civil servants after reaching the age of thirty-five,

(c) authorising the making of awards in the case of persons employed in the civil service of the State whose employment has been interrupted or terminated by war circumstances, and the payment of gratuities on the termination of their employment to persons employed in the Control Service for Germany and Austria,

(d) making provision as to persons employed in the civil service of the State who are subject to superannuation schemes operated under the Federated Superannuation System for Nurses and Hospital Officers and other schemes approved for the purposes of the said Act of the present Session,

(e) making further provision as to the reckoning, for the purposes of the enactments relating to the superannuation of teachers, of service as a civil servant, and as to the reckoning for the purposes of the Superannuation Acts of service which is reckoned for the purposes of any of the said enactments,

(f) making provision for extending section three of the Superannuation Act, 1935, to service in an unestablished capacity between the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and eighteen and the commencement of the said Act, and for granting to persons debarred by age from being appointed civil servants superannuation benefits determined by reference to the benefits for which they would have been eligible if they had been so appointed, the said provision having effect, in relation to payments of superannuation allowance, only for periods after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-six,

(g) amending the provisions of the Superannuation Acts relating to service in two or more public offices, to persons transferred from the civil service to approved employment, to the date from which persons who become civil servants after serving in an unestablished capacity may be treated as having become civil servants, and to the superannuation of persons

transferring between local authority service and service in the civil service of the State, and making provision as to reckoning for the purposes of retirement gratuity the service as a civil servant of a married woman who on marriage ceases to be a civil servant and is transferred to an unestablished capacity.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved Superannuation itself into a Committee on the Superannuation Bill.

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 10 agreed to.

First Schedule agreed to.

Second 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 now taken into consideration:—

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant June, That the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of this instant June, That the Supply and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, a copy of which Order was presented on the 23rd day of May last, be approved;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Captain Snow);—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. (Captain Stewart).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 1st July, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Powers) (Food).

Powers) (Food).

Services

Poor Law.

Superannuation.

Government

Local

Powers)

Services

Supply and

Supplies and

(Transitional

Powers) (Raw

Materials).

A MOTION being made, That the Marquess of Abergavenny’s Estate Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

Mr. Whitelaw, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Gas Light and Coke Company Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of a Scheme made by the Fylde Water Board and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government and Metropolitan Police Staffs (Superannuation) Act, 1937, entitled the Laundry (Control) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Fylde Water Board and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, entitled the West Sussex (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Fylde Water Board and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, entitled the West Sussex (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 25th June 1946, supplementary to the Milk (Control and Maximum Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1945.

Copies of Orders—

Mr. Sydney Silverman, Member for Nelson and Colne, 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 arrest and detention of the Executive Members of the Jewish Agency and other persons in Palestine, and the occupation by armed force of its premises and other places; 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), as amended by the Order made upon the 12th day of April last, until Seven of the clock this evening.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply), a Supplementary Estimate for a New Service may be considered in Committee of Supply.—Mr. Herbert Morrison.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Class IV.

Vote 1. Ministry of Education.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £69,080,112, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, 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:—

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item Subhead A.1. be reduced by £100 in respect of the salary of the Minister of Education.—(Mr. Cove):—

And it being Seven o’clock, the Chairman left the Chair, further Proceeding standing postponed until after the Proceedings on the Motion for the Adjournment of the House standing over under the Standing Order...
Urgent Public inquired into previously Standing Private Bills Adjournment.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Motion for Adjournment on Matter of Urgent Public Importance.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Sydney Silverman) — The said Motion, was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

In the Committee.

Question again proposed, That Item Sub-head A.I. be reduced by £100 in respect of the salary of the Minister of Education :-

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Robert Taylor)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor);

And, it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 167.]

Tuesday, 2nd July, 1946.

The House met at half 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 Bills, originating in the Lords and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, are applicable thereto, viz.:-

West Sussex County Council Bill [Lords].

Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital and Central London Ophthalmic Hospital (Amalgamation &c.) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Breconshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Caledonian Insurance Company Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Paper relative to Broadcasting Policy.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th June 1946, entitled the Boot and Shoe Repairs (Maximum Charges) Order, 1946.

Copy of Directions, dated 25th June 1946, entitled the Household Textiles (Manufacture and Supply) (Consolidation) Directions, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th June 1946, entitled the Encouragement of Exports (Wood Textiles) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th June 1946, entitled the Control of Molasses and Industrial Alcohol (No. 20) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Extract from the Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of Trustees, held at the House of Commons, on the 25th day of June 1946, and a statement by them relative to the position of the House of Commons Members’ Fund.

(Sir Charles MacAndrew).
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) Particulars of all Aliens to whom Certificates of Naturalization have been issued and whose Oaths of Allegiance have, during the year ended the 31st day of December 1945, been registered at the Home Office; (2) Information as to any Aliens who have, during the same period, obtained Acts of Naturalization from the Legislature; and (3) Particulars of cases in which Certificates of Naturalization have been revoked during the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 13 of this Session).—[Mr. Simmons].

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

London County Council (Money) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to remove doubts as to the interpretation of certain enactments relating to the Dock railway and other works authorised by the Bromborough Dock Act 1923; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Bromborough Dock Bill [Lords].

The Bromborough Dock Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—[Mr. Herbert Morrison];

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Mr. Simons, Mr. Collindridge: 245.]

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Mr. Studholme: 113.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Cable and Wireless (Money) (No. 2), a Resolution, which was read, as follows:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to bring the share capital of Cable and Wireless Limited (in this Resolution referred to as "the operating company") into public ownership, to provide for the cost of making certain payments to the operating company in connection with reductions in its charges and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required for the purpose of any undertaking given by the Treasury to Cable and Wireless (Holding) Limited for indemnifying that company against liabilities under any agreement entered into by it before the eighteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, as surety for, or with any other company or body whose telegraph business was acquired by the operating company, or of the sufficiency or administration of any fund for the provision of such pensions or other benefits.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved Cable and Wireless (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Transfer of shares, and right to compensation therefor).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out from the word "companies," to the word "and," in line 17, and insert the words "registered as the owners of the said shares on the appointed day."—[Mr. Lyttelton].

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Interpretation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 35, after the second word "day," to insert the words "in the year before the said day"—[Mr. Lyttelton].

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

A Clause (Compensation to Cable and Wireless (Holding) Limited)—[Mr. Manningham-Buller]—brought up, and read the first time;

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Yeas, Major Conant: 133.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Bing: 247.]

Another Clause (Compensation of officers and servants of the operating company)—[Mr. Lyttelton]—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Drewe, Yeas, Major Conant: 125.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes, Captain Stewart: 268.]

Another Clause (Re-transfer of shares)—[Mr. Manningham-Buller]—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 [Commander Agnew, Yeas, Mr. Studholme: 109.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge, Noes, Mr. Coldrick: 288.]

First and Second Schedules agreed to.
10 Geo. VI. 2nd July.

Third Schedule amended, and agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made further Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, and on re-committal, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Supply. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army (Excess), 1944.

i. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty to make good an excess on the grants for Army Services for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1945.

Schedule.

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Excess over estimated Gross Expenditure | £ 1,073,978,265 4 0 |

Net Supply of Receipts | £ 812,969,887 4 2 |

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 Monday next.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Air Expenditure, 1944.

(In the Committee.)

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Services Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, that, as shown in the Schedule hereunto appended, the total surpluses and deficits on Navy Votes for that year are as follows:—

| Total Surpluses, viz. — Surpluses of actual as compared with estimated receipts (Votes 2-6 and 8-10) | £ 38,859,741 3 9 |
| Total Deficits, viz. — Deficiencies of actual as compared with estimated receipts (Votes 2 and 7) | — 39,719,007 17 9 |

Excesses of actual over estimated gross expenditure | £ 773,759,879 6 5 |

Net Deficit (charged to the Vote of Credit) | £ 684,258,618 19 9 |

II. Whereas it appears by the Air Services Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945 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. — Surpluses of actual as compared with estimated receipts (Votes 2-11) | £ 153,039,790 1 0 |
| Total Deficits, viz. — Deficiencies of actual as compared with estimated receipts (Vote 1) | — 180,333,208 12 11 |

Excesses of actual over estimated gross expenditure | £ 448,905,038 19 10 |

Net Deficit (charged to the Vote of Credit) | £ 684,258,618 19 9 |
And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of surplus receipts realised under Votes 2 and 11 towards making good the deficit in receipts under Vote 1.

2. Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned. —[Mr. Glenvil Hall.]

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Net Deficit met from Vote of Credit £4,640,599,828 15 9

### Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deput: Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

### Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill (Lords.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question proposed upon the 21st day of June last, That the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being again proposed:

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Resolved, That the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Taylor).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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[No. 168.]

Wednesday, 3rd July, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

### PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Monmouth Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Monmouth (Pontypool Division) in the room of Arthur Jenkins, Esquire, deceased. —[Mr. Whiteley].

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Bexley Borough Writ out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Bexley in the room of Jennie Laurel Adamson, who since her election for the said Borough hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York. —[Mr. Whiteley].

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles MacAndrew presented,—Return of Members' Fund, July, for a Return relative to the House of Commons Members' Fund. No. 166. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order made upon the 6th day of June Burma last, That the Paper relative to Burma (Legislature) do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged. Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Secretary Lawson presented, by his Army, 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.

Sir Stafford Cripps—presented, by His Woo Majesty's Command,—Copy of Documents Disposals relating to United Kingdom-Dominion Wool Disposals Limited (Joint Organisation). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1946, amending the Meat (Rationing) Order, 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 Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed;
and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had considered the Order contained in the Reading Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the Order contained in the Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the Order contained in the Derby Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the Order contained in the Skegness Pier Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Northmet Power Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made no further Amendment 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.

Mr. Bowles reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the National Health Service Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed. Bill 141.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rushden District Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed, but have made an Amendment in lieu thereof; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Bill in lieu of their Amendment, to which this House hath disagreed, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be read the third time, and that a Message be sent to the Lords, acquainting them that the Commons have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rushden District Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment. Bill 142.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £50, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services relating to Bread Rationing and Food Production for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Class X., Vote 2, Ministry of Food £10
Class VI, Vote 9, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services) £10
Class VI, Vote 22, Department of Agriculture (Scotland) (Food Production Services) £10
Class X, Vote 6, Control Office for Germany and Austria £10
Class X, Vote 7, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration £10

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class X, Vote 2, be reduced by £50 —[Mr. Eden].

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn, Yeas, Commander Agnew: 178.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, Captain Stewart: 343.]

Original Question again proposed:—

And it being after Ten o'clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor).

And, it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 169.]

Thursday, 4th July, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Glasgow Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk to carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Skegness Pier Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk to carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Derby Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Reading Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Glenvil Hall, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (U.S.A.) Order, 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th June 1946, entitled the Control of Glue, Gelatine and Size (No. 3) Order, 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1946, entitled the Controlled Fertilisers (No. 32) Order, 1946, and the Control of Fertilisers (Revocation) Order, 1946. 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 Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Proceedings on the New Towns Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Simmons, Mr. Bing; Mr. Studholme, Mr. Drewe. 

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261.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on New Towns [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the creation of new towns by means of development corporations, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise such reduction of the liability of a development corporation in respect of advances made to the corporation under the said Act as may be prescribed by any order made under the said Act in connection with the winding up of the corporation. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the New Towns Bill, as Bill amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the proposed Amendments to Clauses Nos. 8, 10 and 14, page 14, line 10, and in respect of the proposed Amendment (Winding up of development corporations) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Silkin, and in respect of the proposed Amendment to Clause No. 22, page 20, line 33, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Westwood.—(Mr. Silkin).

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(No. Committee.)

Clause No. 8 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Statutory undertakers)

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words—
(4) Provision shall be made by any order under subsection (2) of this section for securing that persons who, immediately before that order comes into operation, are employed by any undertakers whose limits of supply are varied by the order, and suffer damage in respect of their employment in consequence of the order, shall be, entitled in such cases, to such extent and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the order, to recover compensation in respect of that damage from such of those undertakers as may be specified therein; and for the purpose of prescribing the matters aforesaid any such order shall provide—

(a) in the case of an order varying the limits of supply of undertakers authorised to supply electricity, for the application of provisions not less favourable to the persons employed by those undertakers than those of section sixteen of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1923;

(b) in the case of an order varying the limits of supply of undertakers authorised to supply gas, for the application of provisions not less favourable to the persons employed by those undertakers than those which, in the opinion of the Minister of Fuel and Power, would be applied to them if the variation were effected under arrangements approved by a special order made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920.

(Mr. Silkin.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment in l. 3, after the first word "the," to insert "(a)".—(Mr. Burden).

Question proposed, That "(a)," be there inserted in the proposed Amendment.—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 6, to leave out from the word "suffer" to the word "in," in l. 7, and insert the words "loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments."—(Mr. Burden)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 13, to leave out from the word "the," in l. 13, and insert the words "and for the purposes aforesaid any such order shall incorporate the provisions of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section one hundred and fifty of, and of the Fourth Schedule to, the Local Government Act, 1933, subject to such modifications as may be prescribed by the order for the purpose of adapting those provisions to cases arising under this subsection and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this subsection) for securing that all services with any statutory undertakers authorised to supply electricity or gas is taken into account in computing the time of service of any person employed as mentioned in this subsection as if it were service with a local authority."—(Mr. Burden).

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment, put, and agreed to.

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 14 and 22 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Winding up of development corporations) brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 2, to leave out from the word "achieved" to the word "he" in l. 5.—(Mr. William Morrison).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 7, to leave out from the beginning to the first word "the," in l. 8, and insert the words "In the said order."—(Mr. James Reid).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 51, to leave out the words "extending the powers and duties of," and insert the words "transferring to."—(Mr. William Morrison). Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments and added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Limitation of actions, &c.)—(Mr. Silkin)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Saving for enactments relating to water, electricity and gas)—(Mr. Silkin)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Transfer of trading activities)—(Mr. William Morrison); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Then an Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 15, by inserting, after the word "power," the words "subject as hereinafter provided."—(Mr. William Morrison.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Drewse,

Major Conant : 82.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Studholme,

Mr. Pearson : 258.

So it passed in the Negative.

And other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 33, by leaving out from the word "directions," to the end of the subsection. (Mr. James Reid.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 3, by leaving out the words "so far as practicable."—(Mr. Walker Smith.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "so far as practicable" 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. 6, l. 10, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—"Provided that where it is not practicable to secure that such person shall have an opportunity to obtain on land belonging to the corporation accommodation comparable with that acquired from him or for any reason such person does not desire to obtain accommodation on land belonging to the corporation, and notice to treat for the acquisition of such person's land has been served during the period ending on the seventeenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, such person shall have an accommodation similar in character and extent."—(Mr. James Reid.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Studholme,

Major Conant : 70.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Pearson,

Mr. Hannan : 222.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 7, line 14, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—"(4) Where any land within the area designated by an order under section one of this Act as the site of a new town has not been acquired by the corporation within the period of seven years from the date on which that order became operative, any owner of that land may by notice in writing served on the corporation require them to purchase his interest therein; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed to have been authorised to acquire that interest compulsorily under the foregoing provisions of this Act, and to have served notice to treat in respect thereof on the date on which the notice was served on them under this subsection."—(Mr. Fred Marshall.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in l. 5, by leaving out the word "seven," and inserting the word "five."—(Mr. William Morrison)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "seven" stand part of the proposed Amendment;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 34, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "being a form which will show separately the results of the development activities of the corporation and of each trading and other activity of the corporation and will include a balance sheet and profit and loss account in a form which will conform so far as practicable to the provisions of the Companies Act, 1929."—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

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.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Pearson.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The Derby Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Reading 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. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Documents constituting Agreements between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Portuguese Government concerning Facilities in the Azores, signed at Lisbon on the 17th day of August 1944, the 28th day of November 1944, and the 30th day of May 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1946, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 4) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the New Towns Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal. Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 6, by leaving out from the word "State," to the first word "is," in l. 17.—(Mr. James Reid).

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. 22, l. 23, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(14) In subsection (2) of section (Winding-up of development corporations), after the word 'corporation,' where it first occurs, there shall be inserted the words 'to the town council of the new town or if there is no such town council, and after the words 'shall consult,' in the first proviso, there shall be inserted the words 'with the town council of the new town or if there is no such town council.'"—(Mr. James Reid).

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.

A Schedule (Enactments which may be suspended under section three)—(Mr. Silkin) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 27, l. 32, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and on each parish council within the area to which the order relates."—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter).

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. 28, l. 27, by leaving out paragraph 2, and inserting the words—

"(2) Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule the term of office of the chairman of the corporation shall be five years, or until the winding up of the corporation, whichever shall be the shorter period, and the term of office of the deputy chairman and of the other members of the corporation shall be four years or until the winding up of the corporation, whichever shall be the shorter period:

Provided that of the original members appointed two shall be appointed to hold office until the first anniversary of that day and shall then retire; two shall be appointed to hold office until the second anniversary of that day, and shall then retire; and two shall be appointed to hold office until the third anniversary of that day, and shall then retire:—(Commander Galbraith)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 7, by leaving out the words "remuneration or allowances" and inserting the words "annual salary"—(Mr. James Reid)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "remuneration or allowances" 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. 32, l. 36, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"In subsection (3) for the words 'twenty-four' there shall be substituted 'seventy-two.'"—(Mr. William Morrison).

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.

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.
Adjournment. 
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Mr. Joseph Henderson); and, it being Four 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. Joseph Henderson); and, it being half an hour after Four of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday next.

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Monday, 8th July, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Battersea (North Division) in the room of Francis Campbell Ross Douglas, Esquire who since his election for the said Borough hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Whiteley).

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Northmet Power Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

ORDERED, That Standing Order 205, relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading), be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Deputy Chairman):—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

ORDERED, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital and Central London Ophthalmic Hospital (Amalgamation &c.) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The West Sussex County Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Copy of an Order, dated 1st July, 1946, entitled the Navigation Order No. 39, 1946).

ORDERED, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of April to the 30th day of June 1946.

ORDERED, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lawson, presented, by His Army Majesty's Command,—Statement showing Expenditure and Receipts under Vote Subheads, details of which were excluded from theArmy Appropriation Accounts, 1939 to 1943.

ORDERED, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Burma Monetary Arrangements) (Second Amendment) Order, 1946.

Copy of a Draft of an Order, entitled the India (Burma Monetary Arrangements) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

Copy of a Draft of an Order, entitled the Government of Burma (Governor's Leave and Travelling Allowances) Order, 1946.

ORDERED, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. de Freitas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Statement showing Expenditure and Receipts under Vote Subheads, details of which were excluded from the Air Services Appropriation Accounts, 1939 to 1943.

ORDERED, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His United States Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol (No. 1, 1946) between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America modifying the Convention of the 16th day of April 1945 for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on income, made at Washington on the 6th day of June 1946 (the Protocol has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government).

ORDERED, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 1st July 1946, entitled the Amendment (1946) of the Superannuation (Legislature) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

Copy of a Draft of an Order, entitled the Government of Burma (House of Representatives) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

ORDERED, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Statement showing Expenditure and Receipts under Vote Subheads, details of which were excluded from the Navy Appropriation Accounts, 1939 to 1943.

Mr. Secretary Eden also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July, 1946, entitled the Navigation Order No. 39, 1946.

ORDERED, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th July 1946, amending the Soap (Maximum Retail Prices and Conditions of Sale) Order, 1944.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill [Lords] without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be suspended, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison):

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmons,
Mr. Hannan:
222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme:
Mr. Stadhame:
86.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Civil Aviation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clauses Nos. 28, 32, 35 and 51, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Ivor Thomas.—(Mr. Ivor Thomas).

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. 28, 32, 35 and 51 amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration.—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Staff Appointments)—(Major Vernon); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time.—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Discontinued services)—(Colonel Hutchison); 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. Drew,
Major Conant:
90.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Collindridge,
Mr. Coldrick:
258.
So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 25, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "but does not include any such journey undertaken for the purpose of carrying passengers to any place at which accommodation has been reserved for such passengers under a contract or agreement which provides for the carriage of such passengers to, and the reservation of accommodation for such passengers at, that place, at an inclusive charge of which the charge for such accommodation forms a substantial part."—(Sir Thomas Moore).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Drew,
Major Conant:
91.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell:
Mr. Captain Stewart:
260.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 17, by leaving out paragraph (b).—(Sir Thomas Moore).

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hannan:
Mr. Captain Stewart:
253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme,
Major Conant:
85.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 43, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

A copy of the notice required to be given in relation to any such order by the Minister under paragraph 1 of the First Schedule to the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, shall be served upon the owner and occupier (except tenants of a month or a less period than a month) of any land to which the order relates, and the provisions of paragraphs 2 to 4 of that Schedule shall have effect accordingly."—(Mr. Turtom).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 43, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(5) Before making any order under this section, the Minister shall consult every local authority within the area of which the whole or any part of the area to which the proposed order will relate is situated.

Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1) of section two of the Statutory Orders (Special
Adjournment.

The proposed words were amended in line 4, by inserting, after the second word "area," the words "of land"—(Mr. Turton)—and, so amended, were there inserted in the Bill.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 26, l. 16, by leaving out from the word "question" to the end of line 19, and inserting the words which may be referred to the Council by the Minister, being a question relating to facilities for transport by air in any part of the world, or relating to the charges for such facilities, or being a question which in the opinion of the Minister requires consideration with a view to improving the adequacy or efficiency of air transport services—(Mr. Ivor Thomas)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:

—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in l. 2, by leaving out the words "by the Minister"—(Mr. Cooper).

And the Question being put, That the words "by the Minister" stand part of the proposed Amendment:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, 203.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Vernon, Mr. Mikardo: 30.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Whiteley).

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 9th July, 1946:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
Ordered. That this day, notwithstanding anything in paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply), a Supplementary Estimate for a New Service may be considered in Committee of Supply.—Mr. Whiteley.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1946.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £45, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Colonial Administration for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, namely:

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1946.

Class II., Vote 9, Colonial Office... ... £10
Class II., Vote 10, Colonial and Middle Eastern Services... ... ... ... £10
Class II., Vote 10, Colonial and Middle Eastern Services (Supplementary Estimate) (New Service) ... ... ... £5
Class II., Vote 11, West African Produce Control Board ... ... ... ... £10
Class II., Vote 12, Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c)... ... ... £10

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Stewart)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Stewart);

And, it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to extend the powers of the West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Company; to authorise that Company to construct gasworks and to raise further money; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison)
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the
captain Steward
Yea, Mr. Simmons
Noes, Commander Anew

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill: And the same were read.
The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 5, l. 40, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 5, l. 40, at end insert:

"(8) Each of the said councils shall make an annual report to the Minister, and the Minister shall lay the reports before each House of Parliament.

(9) A regional industrial coal consumers' council or a regional domestic coal consumers' council may be appointed by the Minister for any prescribed locality for which such appointment appears to him to be expedient, whether in connection of or apart from a recommendation in that behalf of the Industrial Council or the Domestic Council, as the case may be, established under subsection (1) of this section, and provision may be made by regulations for the dissolution of a regional council appointed for any locality if it appears to the Minister that such a council is no longer needed for that locality, or for the variation of the locality for which such a council is to act.

(10) Where there is a regional council for any locality, then, as regards consumers and sale or supply in that locality, the regional council shall be charged with the performance of such of the duties imposed on the Industrial Council or the Domestic Council, as the case may be, by subsection (3) or (4) of this section as may be prescribed, and provision may be made by regulations as to the regional council's reporting to the Industrial Council or the Domestic Council, as the case may be, established under subsection (1) of this section or direct to the Minister, and generally as to the relations between the regional council and the said Industrial Council or Domestic Council.

(11) Subsections (2), (6) and (7) of this section shall apply to a regional council as they apply to the Industrial Council or the Domestic Council, as the case may be, established under subsection (2) of this section, with the substitution of references to consumers in the locality for which the regional council is to act and to sale or supply therein for references to consumers and to sale or supply generally, and subsection (5) of this section shall apply on the notification or making direct to the Minister of conclusions or a report of a regional council.", the next Amendment, being read a Special Entry, second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 24, l. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 24, l. 21, leave out from ('charge') to end of line 26, the next Amendment, being read a second time, Special Entry.
and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 32, l. 7, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 32, l. 7, at end insert ('being a form which shall distinguish the colliery activities and each of the main ancillary activities of the Board.'); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended in l. 7, by inserting, after the word "which" the words "shall conform with the best commercial standards and which"—(Mr. Shinwell)—and, so amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the second Amendment in p. 35, l. 47, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 35, l. 47, at end insert:

"(4) Liabilities (whether of obligation or under customary practice) in relation to pensions, gratuities and other like benefits, of a kind subsisting under such existing schemes or arrangements as aforesaid in connection with the carrying on of any coal industry activities or transferred allied activities, shall be taken into account in the valuation of compensation units comprising transferred interests owned, or in things used, for such activities, and the amount referred to in subsection (4) of section thirteen of this Act which a compensation unit might have been expected to realise on the assumed sale therein referred to shall be estimated on the basis that the purchaser would be in the like position as the owner of the transferred interests comprised in the unit as respects such liabilities and as respects resort to any transferred funds held for the purposes of such existing schemes or arrangements.", the next Amendment, being Special Entry, read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear in the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments as far as the Amendment in p. 46, l. 29, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 46, l. 29, after ('includes') insert ('or at any time on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-six included'), the next Special Entry, Amendment, being read a second time, and
the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to. The Lords Amendment in p. 46, l. 34, after ("includes") insert ("or at any such time included") and was in no way connected with any provision made by this Act or with any anticipation of the making of any such provision. (2) Where during the period aforesaid there has been a discontinuance of any business or activities mentioned in this Schedule or a change relevant to provisions thereof in the circumstances of the carrying on of any such business or activities, or there has been a change relevant to the definition therein contained of the expression "subsidiary" in the ownership of the capital of a company, this Act shall have effect as if the discontinuance or change had not taken place, unless the like matters as are mentioned in the preceding sub-paragraph are proved as to the discontinuance or change. (3) The regulations as to disposal of compensation to be made under section twenty of this Act may make provision for securing that compensation for the transfer of an interest vesting in the Board having regard to the preceding provisions of this paragraph shall be disposed of with due regard to the rights of any person who has purchased or otherwise dealt with that interest during the period aforesaid in good faith.") the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make the provisions of the Bill uniform and consistent, the same was agreed to. Then the following Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords in lieu of Amendment to the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Bill to which this House hath disagreed; and the same was twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships in lieu of Amendment to which this House hath disagreed.

Mr. Coldrich reported from the Committee Navy and Air on Navy and Air Expenditure, 1944, 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 1945 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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Net Deficit (charged to the Vote of Credit) £774,586,146
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 18 to making good the deficit in receipts under Vote 1 and 7.

1. That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.

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Net Deficit met from Vote of Credit £484,598,828 18 9

The said Resolution, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Goldthorpe reported from the Committee of Supply the 2nd day of this instant July a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

Army (Excess) 1944.

1. That a sum, not exceeding £1, be granted to His Majesty to make good an excess on the grants for Army Services for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1945.

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Net Surplus of Receipts £749,956,428 11 2

Excess over estimated Gross Expenditure £1,073,029,985

Net Deficit receipts available for Excess Vote £1,073,029,985

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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of surplus receipts realised under Votes 2 to 11 towards making good the deficit in receipts under Vote 1.

2. That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.

II. Whereas it appears by the Air Services Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day March 1945 that, as shown in the Schedule hereunto appended, the total surpluses and deficits on Air Votes for that year are as follows:

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The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Polish Provisional Government of National Unity for the Settlement of Outstanding Financial Questions, made at London on the 24th day of June 1946 (with notes exchanged) (the Agreement has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Final Report of the Departmental Committee on Alternative Remedies.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order, dated 18th June 1946, amending the Soap (Licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) (No. 2) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1946 No. 871), a copy of which amending Order was presented on the 24th day of June last, be annulled—[Sir John Mellor]:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. And the Question being accordingly put, So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Whiteley and Mr. Popplewell: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewe and Commander Agnew: 104.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order, dated 18th June 1946, amending the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1946 No. 874), a copy of which amending Order was presented on the 24th day of June last, be annulled; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Crosthwaite-Eyre: 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell: 288.

So it passed in the Negative.

And a Debate arising thereupon, Mr. John Mellor:—Leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of June last, That the Biscuits (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1946, dated 20th May, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 No. 726) made by the Treasury under Section 2 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, and Section 5 of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, a copy of which Order was presented on the 23rd day of May last, be approved;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
of which was presented on the 26th day of June last, the Draft of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (U.S.A.) Order, 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 4th day of this instant July, and the Drafts of the Government of Burma (House of Representatives) (Amendment) Order, 1946, the Government of Burma (Governor's Leave and Travelling Allowances) Order, 1946, and the India and Burma (Burma Monetary Arrangements) (Second Amendment) Order, 1946, copies of which were presented on the 8th day of this instant July, 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; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by the Commons to one of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Coal Industry Nationalisation Bill, without any Amendment.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Simmons; 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Major Conant; 123.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Civil Aviation Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Civil Aviation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 26, by leaving out ll. 33 to 37.—(Mr. Lennox-Boyd).

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. 27, l. 10, by leaving out the words "he thinks," and inserting the words "they think,"—(Mr. Lennox-Boyd)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "he thinks," 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. 34, l. 23, by inserting, after the word "if," the words "in a full-time executive capacity."—(Mr. Mikardo).

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Boothby rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Cooper, Major Vernon; 23.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hannan; 230.

So it was passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Collindridge, Captain Stewart; 270.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant; 91.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Cable and Wireless Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, and on re-committal.

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 do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Joseph Henderson).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 175.]

Friday, 12th July, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Order made upon the 23rd day of May last, that the Paper relative to Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Biscuits) do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged. Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Glenny Hall 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 1947.

Mr. Glenny Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th July 1946, entitled the Biscuits (Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 12th July 1946, entitled the Regulation of Payments (Poland) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be refered to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the other Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th July 1946, entitled the Threshing of Grain (Scotland) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th July 1946, entitled the Dundee Harbour Trustees (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th July 1946, entitled the Shoreham and Lancing Sea Defence Commissioners (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th July 1946, entitled the Labuan Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th July 1946, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Registration of New Zealand Government Ships) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th July 1946, amending Regulation 689 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1946, entitled the Hemming (Maximum Charges) Order, 1946.

Copy of Directions, dated 5th July 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Waterproofs) (Consolidation) Directions, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th July 1946, entitled the

Machinery, Plant and Appliances (General) (No. 18) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (General amendments). The Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Admiral Sir Royal Asseant.

Guy Royle, K.C.B., C.M.G., Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

2. Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Act, 1946.
5. Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1946.
7. Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board Act, 1946.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Diplomatic Committee on the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, to leave out from the word "on" to the word "or" in l. 11, and insert the words "any organisation of the United Nations."—(Major Moir-Radcliffe).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 22, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Manningham-Buller).

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Collindridge,

Captain Stewart:

Yeas,

181.

Tellers for the

Mr. Statham, 

Major Conant:

Noes,

62.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Application to United Nations). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 36, to leave out from the word "Nations," to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. Pritchard).

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.

First Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, to leave out from the word "words," to the end of line 9, and insert the words "following after the word "upon," shall be omitted and there shall be inserted the words "the Secretary General and all Assistant Secretaries General of the United Nations in respect of themselves, their spouses and minor children, the privileges and immunities accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to His Majesty, and upon any persons who are representatives of a member Government to the General Assembly or any Council or other organization of the United Nations and to conferences convened by the United Nations while exercising their functions and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, the privileges and immunities accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign accredited to His Majesty other than the right to claim exemption from customs duties on goods imported (otherwise than as part of their personal luggage), or from excise duties or from taxes or rates."

—(Mr. Manningham-Buller).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

And it being Four o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Stewart);

And it being half an hour after Four of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday next.
Copy of an Order, dated 9th July 1946, entitled the Threshing Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th July 1946, entitled the Further Education Grant Amendment Regulations No. 1, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th July 1946, entitled the Emergency Powers (Defence) Road Vehicles and Drivers (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th July 1946, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (National Coal Board) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 6th July 1946, entitled the Plums Order, 1946,

(2) dated 9th July 1946, entitled the Raw Cocoa (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946, and

(3) dated 10th July 1946, amending the Canned Fruit and Vegetables Order, 1946.

Copies of Orders, dated 12th July 1946, entitled—

(1) the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1946, and

(2) the Bread (Rationing) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Finance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Rebate on light oils used in re-finersies for producing gas)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Allowance for artificial silk used in tyres)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Assessment for penultimate year of trades discontinued in consequence of nationalisation schemes)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

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Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 6, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(4) The terminal expenses which are to be left out of account under paragraph (b) and paragraph (c) of this subsection shall be attributed to the body corporate which incurred the terminal expenses."

—(Sir Arnold Gridley).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Studholme; Mr. Pearson;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Coldrick; Mr. Major Conant.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 13, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "in any claim by the body corporate and shall be attributed to the principal company of the group."—(Sir Arnold Gridley).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Studholme; Mr. Pearson;

Tellers for the Noes, Captain Stewart; Mr. Joseph Henderson.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 29, l. 22, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(2) Where by virtue of this section and of the enactments mentioned in the Tenth Schedule to this Act as amended by such Schedule any property taken under a gift inter vivos or other transaction relating to such property was effected."—(Mr. Assheton).

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the second word "of" in line 49, 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. 36, l. 22, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(2) Where in pursuance of any enactment for the compulsory acquisition of a business or part of a business any assets are transferred to the Crown or to a corporate body created under that enactment or to a local authority designated under that enactment and at the date of the transfer the owner of the business produces to the Commissioners particulars of deferred repairs as defined by subsection (4) of this section required to be done to those assets and satisfies them that it was not possible for that work to be done by the date of transfer, the owner shall be deemed to have incurred the estimated cost of executing such deferred repairs in like manner as though he had executed them immediately prior to the date of transfer."—(Sir Arnold Gridley).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson; Mr. Joseph Henderson;

Tellers for the Noes, Captain Stewart;

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 39, by leaving out from the word "surrendered," to the end of the subsection, and inserting the words "in connection with any event forming the ground for a claim for rehabilitation costs as defined by subsection (5) of section thirty-three of this Act."—(Sir Peter Bennett)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the second word "of" in line 40, stand part of the Bill—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Women's Services)—(Mr. Glenvil Hall)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Whiteley).

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be referred to the Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 873), dated 21st June 1946, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.—(Captain Stewart).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 16th July, 1946.

The House met at half 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, no Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, are applicable thereto, viz.:

West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rhodes Trust Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 2nd day of July last, for a Return relative to Aliens (Naturalization).

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Council of the County Borough of Swansea and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum by the Secretary of State for Scotland setting out the Provisions of the New Towns Bill (as passed by the Commons) as it applies to Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th July 1946, entitled the Trinity House (Remuneration of Members) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th July 1946, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) (No. 5) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 12th July 1946, entitled—

(1) the Essential Work (Electrical Contracting Industry Orders) (Revocation) Order, 1946, and

(2) the Essential Work (Miscellaneous Orders) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th July 1946, entitled the Sanitary Fireclay Ware (Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Superannuation Superannuation Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on West Sussex County Council Bill (Lords), That they had examined the allegations of the West Sussex County Council Bill [Lords], 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply, (7th allotted Day).

Class IV.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £3,750,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for a grant in aid of the British Broadcasting Corporation ; Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum, not exceeding £3,749,900 be granted for the said service. (Mr. Butcher.)

The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Butcher,]

Yeas,: Mr. Bechmann ;... 137.

Noes, Mr. Simmons : 271.

Original Question again proposed; And it being after Ten o’clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred:

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Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Captain Stewart) ;

And it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 178.]

Wednesday, 17th July, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 13th July 1946, extending certain temporary Acts of Sederunt increasing Fees, and further increasing certain Fees.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Directions dated 12th July 1946, entitled—

(1) the Knitted Goods (Consolidation) Directions, 1946.
(2) the Utility Apparel (Merchant Navy) Directions, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order dated 11th July 1946, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 51) (Scrap) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th July 1946, amending the Pulse (Control and Prices) Order, 1943.

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 Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital (Amalgamation, etc.) 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 Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills : That they had examined the allegations of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital and Central London Ophthalmic Hospital (Amalgamation, etc.) Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true ; and had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment 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, do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill [Lords] be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison) ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Simmons ;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewe, Major Conant.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Finance to take into further consideration the Finance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 57, l. 22, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “ Hand wringers, hand mangles and hand washing machines.” — (Mr. John Lewis.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Lieutenant-Colonel Dower, Mr. Beechman ;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Bing.

So it passed in the Negative.

The House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) ;

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Caledonian Committee on Unopposed Bills : That they had examined the allegations of the Caledonian Insurance Company Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true ; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, 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 Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital and Central London Ophthalmic Hospital (Amalgamation, etc.) 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill [Lords] be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Simmons ;

Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Lieutenant-Colonel Dower, Mr. Beechman ;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Bing.

So it passed in the Negative.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the India and Burma (Burma Monetary Arrangements) (Second Amendment) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament—(Mr. Arthur Henderson)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Collindridge.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Burma (Legislature) Privileges (Extension) Bill [Lords]) Bill [Lords].

In the Committee.)

First Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, to leave out from the word "words," to the end of l. 9, and insert the words "following after the word "upon," shall be omitted and there shall be inserted the words "the Secretary General and all Assistant Secretaries General of the United Nations in respect of themselves, their spouses and minor children, the privileges and immunities accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to His Majesty, and upon any persons who are representatives of a member Government to the General Assembly or any Council or other organisation of the United Nations and to conferences convened by the United Nations while exercising their functions and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, the privileges and immunities accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to His Majesty other than the right to claim exemption from customs duties on goods imported (otherwise than as part of their personal luggage), or from excise duties or from taxes or rates."

Question again proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Stewart);

And it being 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. Simmons.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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[No. 179.]

Thursday, 18th July, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Supreme Court of an Order in Council, dated 10th July 1946, entitled the Assizes (Matrimonial Causes) Provis-ational Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1946, entitled the Rationing (Personal Points) Order, 1946.

Copies of Orders, dated 13th July 1946, entitled,—

(1) the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) (No. 2) Order, 1946, and

(2) the Meat (Rationing) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Accounts of the Commissioners of Church Church Temporalities in Wales for the year ended the 31st day of December 1945, and from the 24th day of September 1914 to the 31st day of December 1945, in respect of transactions under the Welsh Church Act, 1914, and the Welsh Church (Temporalities) Act, 1919, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Railways Railways (Valuation for Rating) Bill, without any Amendment.

Complaint was made by Mr. John Freeman, Privilege. Member for the Watford Division of the County of Hertford, of the wide publication in London of printed posters regarding the voting of Members of Parliament in the forthcoming Debate on Bread Rationing:—

And the said Poster was delivered in, and read, as followeth:

Names of M.P.s Voting for Bread Rationing in the Commons on Thursday will be published here as public enemies and dictators.

"Face the Facts " Association, 6, Lower Sloane St., S.W.I.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges do inquire into the authors, printers and dispersers of the said poster.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Resolved, That this House takes note of the India Command Papers relating to the proceedings of the Cabinet Mission to India, and awaits a further opportunity of debate in the Autumn.—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bread (Rationing) Order, 1949, dated 12th July 1949 (S.R. & O. 1949, No. 1100), a copy of which was presented on the 15th day of this instant July, be annulled,—(Mr. Churchill)—And a Debate arising thereupon; And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;
Friday, 19th July, 1946:

Mr. Robert Taylor rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley:
Yea,
Mr. Robert Taylor:
Noe,
Mr. Drayson:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bread (Rationing) Order, 1946, dated 12th July, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1100), a copy of which was presented on the 15th day of this instant July, be annulled:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Mr. James Stuart:
Yea,
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn:
Noe,
Mr. Whiteley:

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 19th July, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Rhodes Trust Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th July 1946, entitled the Town and County Planning (General Interim Development) Order (Scotland), 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 13th July 1946, entitled the Narrow Fabrics (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946, and

(2) dated 15th July 1946, entitled the Knives, Spoons and Forks (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

Copy of Directions, dated 13th July 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Underwear and Nightwear) (Consolidation) Directions, 1946.

Copy of a General Licence, dated 15th July 1946, in respect of Cinematograph Film.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1946, entitled the Cutlery, Spoons and Forks (Control) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1946, entitled the Furniture (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th July, 1946, entitled the Control of Pets Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Statistical Review, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th July 1946, entitled the Meals in Establishments Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1946, entitled the Bacon (Rationing) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to customs in the Isle of Man: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Matter of the Complaint Privilege made yesterday by Mr. John Freeman be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Finance (No. 2) Bill was, according to Finance Order, read the third time, and passed. (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Stewart);
And it being Four 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. Bing);—

And it being half an hour after Four of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday next.


[No. 181.]

Monday, 22nd July, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill (Lords).


Acquisition of Land (Scotland).

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Goods and Services (Price Control).

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Domestic Furniture). Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Furniture).

Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1946, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of Regulations, dated 17th July 1946, Nurses entitled the Nurses Amendment Regulations, 1946. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report on the administration of the Road Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 17th July 1946, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1946. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stracey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 16th July 1946, amending the Bread (Control and Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1943.

(2) dated 16th July 1946, amending the Imported Apples Order, 1945, and

(3) dated 18th July 1946, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1949.

Copy of a General Licence, dated 12th July 1946, under the Food Rationing Orders, 1945-1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1946, entitled the Sugar and Preserves (Rationing) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 16th July 1946, entitled the Soap (licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) Order, 1946. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of an Additional Rule for the Disposal of Documents which are not considered of sufficient Public Value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office, dated 19th June 1946, relating to documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Ministry of National Insurance.

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 West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
22nd July.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the readjustment of representation in the House of Commons of Canada on the basis of the population of Canada; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The British North America Bill (Lords) was brought up; and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the National Health Service Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons, Yeas, [Mr. Popplewell];
Tellers for the [Mr. Draise, Noes, [Mr. Studholme];

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the National Health Service Bill, as amended in the Standing 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. 6, Clause No. 11, p. 13, l. 34, Clauses Nos. 16, 21, 38, 39, 48, 54 and in respect of the new Clause (Provision of residential accommodation for staff) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan,—(Mr. Bevan);

The Question was amended by adding, at the end thereof, the words 'and in respect of the new Clauses (Maintenance of hospitals before transfer) and (Maintenance of services provided by voluntary organisations) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Willink,'—(Mr. James Reid).

And the Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 6, Clause No. 11, p. 13, l. 34, Clauses Nos. 16, 21, 38, 39, 48, 54 and in respect of the new Clause (Provision of residential accommodation for staff) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan, and in respect of the new Clauses (Maintenance of hospitals before transfer) and (Maintenance of services provided by voluntary organisations) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Willink.

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. 6, 11, 16, 21, 38, 39, 48 and 54 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Provision of residential accommodation for staff)—(Mr. Key),—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Maintenance of hospitals before transfer)—(Commander Maitland),—brought up, and read the first time.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments and added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration;—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Recovery of charges)—(Mr. Key),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Delegation of powers by county council to council of borough)—(Mr. Lipson); 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:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:

And the Question, so amended, being put;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lipson, Yeas, [Mr. Lang];
Tellers for the [Mr. Collindrige, Noes, [Mr. Hannan];

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Treatment by general medical practitioners)—(Mr. James Reid); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Regional Board for Wales)—(Mr. Emrys Roberts); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 35, by leaving out the words 'of the following descriptions, that is to say,' and inserting the word 'including'—(Sir Alan Herbert);—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.

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Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 26, by leaving out the word " Minister," and inserting the words " Hospital Management Committee constituted under this Act in whom the management and control of such hospital is vested,"—(Mr. James Reid),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words " Minister," stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the " Captain Stewart, Yeas,

Mr. Popplewell : 249.

Tellers for the " Mr. Studholme,


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 27, by inserting, after the word " area," to the end of l. 1.

And the Question being put, That the words " or " be there inserted in the Bill ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the " Mr. Studholme,

Yeas, Major Conant : 110.

Tellers for the " Captain Stewart,

Noes, Mr. Popplewell : 255.

So 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. 14, l. 10, by leaving out from the word " area," to the end of l. 18, and inserting the words " and for that purpose the Board may appoint such officers as may be necessary.

(a) It shall be the duty of the Hospital Management Committee of any hospital or group of hospitals generally to manage and control the hospital or group of hospitals in accordance with regulations and such directions as may be given by the Minister, and in particular:

(a) to appoint officers, required to be employed at or for the purposes of the hospital, except specialists ;

(b) to maintain any premises forming part of or used in connection with the hospital ;

(c) to acquire on behalf of the Minister and to maintain equipment, furniture and other movable property required for the purposes of the hospital ;

(d) to appoint for each one of the hospitals in a group a House Committee to which they may delegate any of their functions for the control and management of each such hospital”—(Mr. Willink),—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. 17, l. 40, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(4) The application of this section within the Administrative County of London shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) the Council of the Administrative County of London (in this subsection referred to as the county council) shall delegate to the Common Council of the City of London as respects the City of London, and the councils of the metropolitan boroughs as respects the respective areas of those boroughs, their functions under this Part of this Act in relation to the services hereinafter mentioned, and the Common Council and the councils of the metropolitan boroughs shall discharge the functions so delegated.

(b) the following services shall be the services to which this subsection refers:

(i) arrangements for the care of expectant and nursing mothers and of children who have not attained the age of five years and are not attending primary schools maintained by a local education authority ;

(ii) provision for the visiting in their homes of such mothers and children as are mentioned in the foregoing paragraph for the purposes mentioned in section twenty-four of this Act ;

(iii) the arrangements for vaccination and immunisation mentioned in section twenty-six of this Act ;

(iv) such arrangements for providing home nursing and domestic help for households as are mentioned in sections twenty-five and twenty-nine of this Act ;

(v) the services relating to notification of births and child life protection to which subsection (3) of section twenty-two of this Act applies ; and

(vi) the provision, equipment and maintenance of premises for the foregoing purposes ;

(c) before submitting proposals to the Minister in pursuance of section twenty of this Act the county council shall, in respect of the services to which this subsection applies, consult with the Common Council as respects the provision of such services in the City of London and with the council of each metropolitan borough as respects the provision of such services within the area of the borough, and the provisions of subsections (2) and (5) of section twenty of this Act shall apply as if the Common Council and the council of the metropolitan borough were a voluntary organisation for the purposes of those subsections.

(d) the county council shall pay to the Common Council and the councils of the metropolitan boroughs one-half of the cost incurred by them in discharging the functions delegated in pursuance of this section.”—(Mr. Willink.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill ;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.
Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Yeas, 
Mr. Studholme: ]
99.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, 
Mr. Simmons: ]
224.
So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the
Bill.
Ordered, That further Consideration of the
Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr.
Whiteley.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the
Standing Committee and on re-committal, be
taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Adjournment.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till eighteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned
till to-morrow.

[No. 182.]
Tuesday, 23rd July, 1946.

The House met at half an hour
after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Portsmouth
Corporation
Bill.

The House proceeded to take into con-
sideration the Amendments made by
the Lords to the Portsmouth Corporation
Bill; and the same were twice read, and
agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords; and acquaint them, that this
House hath agreed to the Amendments made
by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into con-
sideration the Caledonian Insurance Company
Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into con-
sideration the Royal London Ophthalmic
Hospital Royal Westminster Ophthalmic
Hospital and Central London Ophthalmic Hospital
(Amalgamation &c) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into con-
sideration the Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords],
as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into con-
sideration the West Sussex County Council
Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Mr. Secretary Westwood presented a Bill to
Campbeltown
Water, &c., to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private
Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, Order
Confirmation
Bill 148. 

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read;
and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report of His Majesty's Inspectors of
Constabulary for the year ended the 29th
day of September 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Hall presented, by His Palestine.
Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement of
Information relating to Acts of Violence in
Palestine.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant
to the directions of several Acts of Parliament
—Copy of a Scheme made by the Town Council
of the Royal Burgh of Dumbarton and approved
by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the
Local Government Superannuation ( Scot-
land) Act, 1937.

Copy of Regulations, dated 17th July 1946, Nurses
entitled the Nurses (Scotland) Amendment (Scotland).
Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Brook presented, by His Majesty's Rag Flock.
Command,—Copy of a Report of the Inter-
Departmental Committee on the Rag Flock
Acts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the supplies and
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1946, entitled
the Control of Building Operations (No. 7) Order,
1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the supplies and
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th July 1946, entitled
the Welfare Foods Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid
upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Provisional Rules, dated 18th July 1946, entitled the Provisional Pensions Appeal
Tribunals (England and Wales) Rules, 1946.

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
ordered him to make a Report thereof to the
House: And the Report was brought up, and
read, as followeth:

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Your Committee have considered the Biscuits (Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1095), a copy of which was presented on the 12th day of this instant July, and the Acquisition of Land (Increase of Supplement) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1163), and the Acquisition of Land (Increase of Supplement) (Scotland) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1165), copies of which were presented on the 22nd day of this instant July, 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; and be printed.

Estimates.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Estimates have leave to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on the 30th day of May last, and the Minutes of Evidence taken before Sub-Committee E on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th days of this instant July.

Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee E on the 30th day of May last, and the Minutes of Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th days of this instant July: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill.

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 Amendments made by the Lords to the West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Long Eaton Urban District Council 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 Manchester Corporation Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rhodes Trust Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons, Yeas, 283; Mr. Popplewell; Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Noes, 136; Major Conant;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the National Health Service Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 29, by inserting, after the word " practitioners " the words " or others. "—(Mr. House.)

And the Question being put, That the words " or others " be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 25, l. 16, by leaving out from the word " them " to the end of the line.—(Mr. Turton.)

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. 25, l. 21, by leaving out from the word " application " to the word " in," in l. 22.—(Mr. James Reid.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas, 277; Mr. Hannan : Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Noes, 128; Major Stockholme ;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 27, l. 14, by leaving out Clause 35.—(Mr. James Reid.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge, Yeas, 305; Mr. Popplewell; Tellers for the [Sir Arthur Young, Noes, 110; Major Conant ;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 36, l. 8, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " by reason of his failure properly to provide the services which he has undertaken."—(Mr. James Reid.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 36, l. 20, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(4) An appeal shall lie to the Minister from any direction of the Tribunal under the last foregoing subsection, and the Minister may confirm or revoke that direction."—(Mr. Brown.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
 Tellers for the Captain Stewart, 206.
 Mr. Hannon :
 Yeas, 129.
 Tellers for the Commander Agnew, 
 Noes, Major Conant :
 So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 51, l. 19, by leaving out paragraph (g).—(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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 64, l. 25, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"A Hospital Management Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than three persons to be members of the Committee."—(Mr. Willink.)

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. 69, l. 7, by leaving out the word "six," and inserting the word "seven,"—(Mr. Linstead),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "six" stand part of the Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow;—and be printed.

The Isle of Man (Customs) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Pearson.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 183.]

Wednesday, 24th July, 1946

The House met at half 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 James Maxton, Esquire, Member for the Burgh of Glasgow (Bridgeton Division) and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Provisional Order Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Campbeltown Water, &c., Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Services (Transitional Powers) (Restriction of Traffic).

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of all Loans raised in England under the provisions of any Acts of Parliament, chargeable on the revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended the 31st day of March 1946, 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 Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of a Member.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Campbeltown Water, &c., Order Confirmation Bill.
Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 30th June 1946. 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 30th June 1946.

Mr. Bevan also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Amendment to the Rules made by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Copy of a Scheme made by the Blyth Town Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Bill, dated 20th July 1946, amending the Flour Order, 1945.

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 Bromborough Dock Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations of the West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, 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.

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 Cardiff Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Insurance Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Major Ernest Ashley Bramall, Member for the Borough of Bexley, was sworn.

Message from the Lords:

National Insurance Bill.

High Wycombe Corporation Bill.

Cardiff Corporation Bill.


New Member sworn.

Order, That this day, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Business of Supply) Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten 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).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. 

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1946.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services relating to the Coal Situation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1945.

Class VI., Vote 5, Ministry of Fuel and Power

Class X., Vote 3, Ministry of Fuel and Power

£10

£10

£20

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class VI., Vote 5, be reduced by £5 in respect of the salary of the Minister of Fuel and Power.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell; 292.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Comyn; 122.

Original Question again proposed.

And, it being after Ten o'clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Coffee and chicory extracts, etc.).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—

Captain Crookshank moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Chairman declines to propose Question (Abuse of Rules).
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate):—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

Resolves, That the Biscuits (Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. No. 1065), dated 17th July 1946, made by the Treasury under Section 2 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, and Section 5 of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant July, be approved. (Dr. Summerskill.)

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of this instant July, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (House of Representatives) (Amendment) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Governor's Leave and Travelling Allowances) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Governor's Leave and Travelling Allowances) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General and Sir Privileges, David Maxwell Fyfe be discharged from the Committee of Privileges; and that Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. James Reid be added to the Committee. (Mr. Robert Taylor.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Pearson);

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 made upon the 16th day of August last, it being then twenty-one minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of this instant July, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (House of Representatives) (Amendment) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 157 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, praying that the Government of Burma (Governor's Leave and Travelling Allowances) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament;

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The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Cambeltown Water, &c., Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented a Bill to Ardrossan Gas Provisional Order Bill.

The Campbeltown Water, &c., Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented a Bill to Ardrossan Gas Provisional Order under the Burgh Order Bill, Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, relating to Ardrossan Gas.
Ordered, That Standing Order 216 relating to Private Business (First Reading of Confirming Bills) be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time—(The Chairman of Ways and Means)—The Bill was accordingly read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Seventy-first Annual Report of the Public Works Loan Board (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Torquay.

Copy of Regulations, dated 19th July 1946, entitled the Fire Services (General) (No. 2) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th July 1946, entitled the Control of Pelt (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders dated 23rd July 1946, entitled—

(1) the Control of Motor Fuel Order, 1946, and
(2) the Control of Motor Fuel (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Raw Materials).

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Motor Fuel).

Message from the Lords.

Skegness Pier Provisional Order Bill.

New Towns Bill.

Civil Aviation Bill.

Civil Aviation Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the New Towns Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Daniel Granville West, Esquire, Member for the County of Monmouth (Pontypool Division), sworn, was sworn.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Business of Supply), Supplementary Estimates for New Services may be considered in Committee of Supply and Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock; and that if the first three proposed Resolutions shall have been agreed to by the Committee of Supply before half an hour after Nine of the clock, the Chairman shall proceed to put forthwith the Questions which he is directed to put at half an hour after Nine of the clock, by paragraph 6 of the Standing Order (Business of Supply), as modified by the Order made upon the 12th day of April last.—[Mr. Herbert Morrison.]

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—[Mr. Herbert Morrison.]

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Simmons, 

Mr. Hannan: 247.

Noes, 

Tellers for the 

Mr. Slade, 

Major Conant: 119.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply: (In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1946.

Class X. Vote 6.

Control Office for Germany and Austria.

1. £153,554,310, for the salaries and expenses of the Control Office for Germany and Austria and the Control Commissions for Germany and Austria, including certain supplies and services essential to the Occupation.

Class II. Vote 9.

Colonial Office.

2. £48,752, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Vote 1.

Foreign Office.

3. £2,392,030, 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.

The Chairman then proceeded, pursuant to Questions on the Order of the House this day, forthwith to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the several Classes of the Civil Estimates, including Supplementary Estimates, and the total
amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Revenue Departments, the Navy, Army and Air Services be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates:—

Class I.

1. That a sum, not exceeding £7,344,168, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

   - 1. House of Lords Offices
     - £45,067
   - 2. House of Commons (including a Supplementary sum of £1,500,000)
     - £629,445
   - 3. Registration of Electors
     - £270,000
   - 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments (Revised sum)
     - £1,493,086
   - 5. Privy Council Office
     - £15,804
   - 6. Privy Seal Office
     - £7,402
   - 7. Charity Commission
     - £33,500
   - 8. Civil Service Commission
     - £14,810
   - 9. Exchequer and Audit Department
     - £200,150
   - 10. Government Actuary
     - £35,047
   - 11. Government Chemist
     - £91,158
   - 12. Government Hospitality
     - £33,000
   - 13. The Mint
     - £590
   - 14. National Debt Office
     - £5,177
   - 15. National Savings Committee
     - £977,374
   - 16. Overlapping Income Tax Payments
     - £1,000,000
   - 17. Public Record Office
     - £36,848
   - 18. Public Works Loan Commission
     - £90
   - 19. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund
     - £16,204
   - 20. Royal Commissions, &c.
     - £121,000
   - 21. Secret Service
     - £1,500,000
   - 22. Tithe Redemption Commission
     - £90
   - 23. Treasury Chest Fund
     - £3,779
   - 24. Miscellaneous Expenses (including a Supplementary sum of £4,450)
     - £9,001
   - 25. Scottish Home Department
     - £192,627

   Total: £4,344,168

Question put, and agreed to.

Class II.

1. That a sum, not exceeding £51,745,328, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

   - 1. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c.
     - £7,341,280
   - 2. British Council
     - £1,054,000
   - 3. League of Nations
     - £4,010
   - 4. United Nations
     - £5,000
   - 5. Dominions Office
     - £50,000
   - 6. Dominions Services
     - £43,456
   - 7. Oversea Settlement
     - £5,490
   - 8. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services (including a Supplementary sum of £1,610,010)
     - £7,075,045
   - 9. West African Produce Control Board
     - £4,356,025
   - 10. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.)
     - £6,540,000
   - 11. Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories)
     - £209,600
   - 12. India and Burma Services (including a Supplementary sum of £37,500)
     - £22,413,720
   - 13. Imperial War Graves Commission
     - £344,966

   Total: £51,745,328

Question put, and agreed to.

Class III.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £18,128,228, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

   - 1. Home Office
     - £1,147,812
   - 2. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum
     - £100,045
   - 3. Police, England and Wales
     - £9,574,714
   - 4. Prisons, England and Wales
     - £2,444,726
   - 5. Approved Schools, England and Wales
     - £1,214,000
   - 6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. (including a Supplementary sum of £43,000)
     - £143,000
   - 7. County Courts, &c.
     - £345,506
   - 8. Land Registry
     - £90
   - 9. Public Trustee
     - £77,000
   - 10. Law Charges
     - £231,827
   - 11. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses
     - £21,101

   Total: £18,128,228

Question put, and agreed to.

Class IV.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £90,374,800 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

   - 1. Ministry of Education (including a Supplementary sum of £9,065,268)
     - £70,110
   - 2. British Museum (including a Supplementary sum of £90,000)
     - £418,128,228
   - 3. British Museum (Natural History)
     - £90,374,800
   - 4. Imperial War Museum
     - £12,515
   - 5. London Museum
     - £3,519
   - 6. National Gallery (including a Supplementary sum of £12,515)
     - £38,577
     - £9,065,268
   - 8. National Portrait Gallery
     - £9,065,268
   - 9. Wallace Collection
     - £12,515
   - 10. Statistical Investigation, &c.
     - £3,519
     - £9,065,268
   - 12. Great Britain
     - £450,000
   - 13. Scottish Home Department
     - £3,519
   - 14. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services
     - £418,128,228
   - 15. West African Produce Control Board
     - £9,065,268
   - 16. Development and Welfare (Colonies)
     - £6,540,000

   Total: £90,374,800

Question put, and agreed to.

Class V.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £243,321,300, 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 1947, for
Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Ministry of Health (including a Supplementary sum of £10) 39,959,590
2. Board of Control 178,125
3. Registrar-General’s Office 288,160
4. Ministry of Labour and National Service (including a Supplementary sum of £10) 21,476,010
5. Grants in respect of Employment Schemes 900,000
6. Ministry of National Insurance 60,570,000
7. Assistance Board 5,700,000
8. National Insurance Audit Department 106,960
9. Friendly Societies Registry 32,590
10. Old Age Pensions 84,000,000
11. Widows’, Orphans’ and Old Age Contributory Pensions 6,025,000
12. Supplementary Pensions 16,650,000
13. Ministry of Town and Country Planning 1,434,267

£243,211,300

Question put, and agreed to.

Class VI.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £104,980,987, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Board of Trade 13,193,380
2. Services in Development Areas 7,430,000
3. Financial Assistance in Development Areas 589,500
4. Export Credits 90
5. Export Credits (Special Guarantees) 5,000
6. Ministry of Fuel and Power 2,080,000
7. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands 29,654
8. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries 3,776,693
9. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services) (including Supplementary sums of £60,000 and £530,000) 37,579,500
10. Surveys of Great Britain, &c. 2,657,680
11. Forestry Commission 2,000,000
12. Development Fund 170,000
13. Ministry of Transport 3,104,413
14. Roads, &c. 13,175,000
15. Merchantile Marine Services 2,612,853
16. Ministry of Civil Aviation 13,200,000
17. Development Grants 126,180
18. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research 1,749,934
19. State Management Districts 90
20. Clearing Offices (including a Supplementary sum of £14,076) 34,166

£104,980,987

Question put, and agreed to.

Class VII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £56,044,151, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Ministry of Works 4,786,680
2. Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain (including a Supplementary sum of £10,000) 467,965
3. Houses of Parliament Buildings 335,390
4. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain 88,393
5. Osborne 21,795
6. Public Buildings, Great Britain (including a Supplementary sum of £10) 28,866,340
7. Public Buildings Overseas 408,700
8. Royal Palaces 161,165
9. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens 278,380
10. Miscellaneous Works Services (including a Supplementary sum of £32,500) 3,347,610
11. Victory Celebrations 882,500
12. Rates on Government Property 6,678,693
13. Stationery and Printing 9,085,806
15. Peterhead Harbour 7,000
16. Works and Buildings in Ireland 79,440

£56,044,151

Question put, and agreed to.

Class VIII.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £67,413,465, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions 171,465
2. Ministry of Pensions 63,747,000
3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c. 795,000
4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances 2,700,000

£67,413,465

Question put, and agreed to.

Class IX.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £42,408,866, 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 1947, 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 35,320,000
2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland 6,888,868

£49,298,866

Question put, and agreed to.

Class X.

13. That a sum, not exceeding £545,330,355, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year
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Ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class X of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Ministry of Supply —- - 224,000,000
1a. British Supply Office in the United States of America — 959,000
2. Ministry of Food —- 144,337,740
3. Ministry of Transport (War Services) —- - 78,475,000
4. Ministry of Fuel and Power (War Services) —- - 10,300,000
5. Home Office (War Services) —- - 19,089,756
6. United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration —- - 57,000,000
7. Advantages to Allies, &c. —- - 3,000,000
8. War Damage Commission —- - 933,500
9. War Service Grants —- - 3,125,000
10. Scottish Home Department (War Services) —- - 719,550

£545,330,555

Question put, and agreed to.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1946

14. That a sum, not exceeding £103,493,020, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:—

1. Customs and Excise —- - 5,212,400
2. Inland Revenue —- - 10,886,526
3. Post Office —- - 87,420,000

£103,493,020

Question put, and agreed to.

Navy Estimates, 1946

15. That a sum, not exceeding £105,075,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:—

1. Wages, &c, of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and Women's Royal Naval Service (in addition to the sum of £11,500,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) —- - 35,290,000
2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy (in addition to the sum of £11,500,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) —- - 8,135,000
3. Medical Establishments and Services (in addition to the sum of £1,000,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) —- - 899,000
4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services (in addition to the sum of £1,500,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) —- - 975,000
5. Educational Services (in addition to the sum of £2,000,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) —- - 219,000
6. Scientific Services (in addition to the sum of £2,500,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) —- - 2,294,000
7. Royal Naval Reserves (in addition to the sum of £200,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) —- - 160,000

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£545,330,555

Question put, and agreed to.

Army Estimates, 1946

16. That a sum, not exceeding £232,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:—

1. Pay, &c, of the Army (in addition to the sum of £148,300,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) —- - 76,511,000
2. Reserve Forces (to a number not exceeding 90,000, all ranks, for the Army Reserve), Territorial Army, Cadet Forces, &c. (in addition to the sum of £2,472,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) —- - 1,127,000
3. Medical Services (in addition to the sum of £1,106,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) —- - 1,168,000
4. Educational Establishments (in addition to the sum of £1,065,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) —- - 348,000
5. Quartering and Movements (in addition to the sum of £55,080,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) —- - 25,708,000

£232,000,000

Question put, and agreed to.
Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for come in course of payment during the year sum necessary to defray the charge which will be granted to His Majesty, to complete the 15. Civil £1,330,000

14. Pensions and other Non-Effective Services (in addition to the sum of £1,850,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £1,270,000

13. Half-Pay, Retired Pay and other Non-Effective Services (in addition to the sum of £34,400,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £17,739,000

12. War Office (in addition to the sum of £2,098,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £1,082,000

11. Miscellaneous Effective Services (in addition to the sum of £57,940,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £45,311,000

10. Works, Buildings and Lands (in addition to the sum of £34,400,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £2,722,000

9. Warlike Stores (in addition to the sum of £34,400,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £10,014,000

8. General Stores (in addition to the sum of £20,380,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £1,172,000

7. Police, Pensions, and other Non-Effective Services for Offic- ers (in addition to the sum of £1,172,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £1,082,000

6. Educational Services (in addition to the sum of £661,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £166,000

5. Pensions and other Non-Effective Charges for Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Men and others (in addition to the sum of £1,283,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £661,000

4. Technical Supplies and Services (in addition to the sum of £1,900,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £8,250,000

3. Works, Buildings and Lands (in addition to the sum of £12,500,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £6,850,000

2. Quartering, Non-Technical Supplies and Transportation (in addition to the sum of £12,000,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £73,000,000

1. Pay, &c., of the Air Force (in addition to the sum of £101,500,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) £29,750,000

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received to- morrow. Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1945, the sum of £10 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 1947, the sum of £2,400,000 to 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 to-morrow. Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Health Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill; and the same were read.

The Lords Amendments as far as the Amendment in p. 13, l. 25, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 25, leave out paragraph (a), the next Amendment, being Special Entry, read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 21, l. 25, leave out from (" benefit ") to end of l. 26 and insert (" such as is mentioned in the following subsection ") the next Amendment, being read Special Entry, second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 22, l. 15, leave out from (" such as is mentioned in the following subsection ") the next Amendment, being read Special Entry.
a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 22, l. 17, at end insert—

"(2) The increases of benefit referred to in the foregoing subsection are increases in the rate of injury benefit or a disablement pension under sections thirteen, fifteen, seventeen and eighteen of this Act, and for the purposes of paragraph (a) of that subsection include also, in a case to which sub-paragraph (ii) or (iii) of that paragraph applies, any increase in the rate of a disablement pension under section fourteen of this Act."); the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 23, l. 40, leave out subsection (1) and insert—

"(1) Except where regulations otherwise provide, a person shall be disqualified for receiving any benefit, and an increase of benefit shall not be payable in respect of any period as that of his beneficiarv or husband, for any period during which that person—

(a) is absent from Great Britain; or
(b) is undergoing penal servitude, imprisonment or detention in legal custody;

and regulations may provide for the suspension of payment to or in respect of any person during any such period as aforesaid of benefit which is excepted from the operation of the foregoing provisions of this subsection or which is payable otherwise than in respect of that period."); the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 24, l. 39, at end insert—

"Provided that regulations under this subsection providing for the forfeiture of benefit for any of the following matters, that is to say—

(i) for failure to comply with the requirements of subsection (4) of the said section twenty-five;
(ii) for failure to comply with the requirements of regulations under that section relating to medical examination or treatment;
(iii) for obstruction of or misconduct in connection with medical examination or treatment;

shall not be made so as to disentitle a claimant or beneficiary to benefit for a period exceeding six weeks on any forfeiture."); the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 29, l. 12, at end insert—

"and on any such reference or appeal the court may order the Minister to pay the costs of any other person, whether or not the decision is in his favour and whether or not the Minister appears on the reference or appeal."); the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 37, l. 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 37, l. 37, leave out "(death)", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 38, l. 46, at end insert—

"(7) Where a person has received sums on account of an allowance under the Family Allowances Act, 1945, to which by virtue of this Act he was not entitled by reason of his being entitled to death benefit under section twenty-one thereof subsequently awarded (whether in respect of the same or a different child), those sums shall be treated as paid on account of the death benefit and the amount thereof shall be repaid to the Treasury (whether in respect of the Industrial Injuries Fund."); the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Special Entry, Commons being willing to waive their Privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 40, l. 5, at end insert new Clause A (Superannuation allowance for Commissioner and deputy Commissioners) of the next Amendment, being read a second Special Entry, time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to supply an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 59, l. 40, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 59, l. 46, at end insert—

"(6) Section thirty-three of the Finance Act, 1921 (which exempts from income tax income receivable for the purposes of a supplementary scheme in connection with unemployment insurance by the body charged with the administration of the scheme) shall apply in relation to a supplementary scheme under this section as it applies in relation to a supplementary scheme under any other enactment."); the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 76, l. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 76, l. 21, at end insert new Schedule (Superannuation Allowances for Commissioner and deputy Commissioners) of the next Amendment, being read a Special Entry, time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to supply an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read for taking into consideration the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to the First Schedule, page 3, line 43 and the Second Schedule, page 6, line 2.

standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Philip Noel-Baker—(Mr. Philip Noel-Baker.)
Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

First and Second Schedules 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.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 19, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words:—

"In Part II the words 'The like inviolability of residence as is accorded to such an envoy,' shall be omitted." (Mr. Philip Noel-Baker.)

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. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 43, by inserting, after the word "affect," the words "the validity or."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Caledonian Insurance Company Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital and Royal Central London Ophthalmic Hospital (Amalgamation &c.) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The West Sussex County Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of the Report of an Inquiry by John Flowers, Esquire, K.C., into the Fire at Merthyr House, James Street, Cardiff, on the 17th day of March 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of the Report of the Auditors of the Accident Offices Association showing the effect in respect of the year 1945, of the Undertaking given by the Association for the purpose of limiting the charges to employers in respect of Employers' Liability Insurance, together with further Amending Directions issued by the Minister of National Insurance.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of a Certificate of the Auditors of the Accident Offices Association showing the effect in respect of the year 1945, of the Undertaking given by the Association for the purpose of limiting the charges to employers in respect of Employers' Liability Insurance, together with further Amending Directions issued by the Minister of National Insurance.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

PRAYERS.
Mr. Stracey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,
(1) dated 18th July 1946, amending the New Potatoes (1946 Crop) Order, 1946, and
(2) dated 23rd July 1946, amending the Leeks (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.
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 Derby Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Reading Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital and Central London Ophthalmic Hospital (Amalgamation etc.) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Caledonian Insurance Company Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West Sussex County Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The British North America Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—[Mr. Whiteley.]

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. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the National Health Service Bill:

And a Motion being made; and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, while welcoming a comprehensive Health Service, declines to give a Third Reading to a Bill which discourages voluntary effort and association; mutilates the structure of local government; dangerously increases Ministerial power and patronage; appropriates trust funds and benefactions in contempt of the wishes of donors and subscribers; and undermines the freedom and independence of the medical profession to the detriment of the nation."—[Mr. Linstead]—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

A Message was delivered by 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:

5. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Wallasey) Act, 1946.
6. West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Order Confirmation Act, 1946.
7. Pier and Harbour Order (Skegness) Confirmation Act, 1946.
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas were:

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,

Mr. Bing;

Tellers for the Mr. Buchan-Hepburn,

Sir Arthur Young:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor);

And, it being half an hour after Four of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday next.

[No. 186.]

Monday, 29th July, 1946.

The House met at half 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 July relative to Double Taxation Relief 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 on the ratification by the Government of the United States of America of the Convention set out in Part I and the Protocol set out in Part II of the Schedule to the Draft of an Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (U.S.A.) Order, 1946, a Copy of which was presented on 4th July, an Order may be made in the form of that Draft in lieu of the Order in the form of the Draft laid before Parliament on 28th January.

I will comply with your request.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cardiff Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the High Wycombe Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Rotherham Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which, this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bromborough Dock Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That Standing Order 208, relating to Private Bills, be suspended until the Summer Adjournment.

Ordered, That, as regards Private Bills to be returned by the House of Lords with Amendments, such Amendments (if Unopposed) shall be considered on the day following the day on which the Bill shall have been returned from the House of Lords.

Ordered, That, as regards Private Bills returned, or to be returned, by the House of Lords with Amendments, such Amendments (if Unopposed) shall be considered at such time as the Chairman of Ways and Means may determine.

Ordered, That, when it is intended to propose any Amendments thereto, a copy of such Amendments shall be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office, and notice given on the day on which the Bill shall have been returned from the House of Lords.

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(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 26th day of May 1944 between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Belgian Government concerning Civil Administration and Jurisdiction in Belgian Territory liberated by an Allied Expeditionary Force.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
New Towns Bill.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Revised Memorandum by the Secretary of State for Scotland setting out the provisions of the New Towns Bill (as amended) as it applies to Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Supplies and Services (Price Control).

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 23rd July, 1946, entitled—

(1) the Rubber Footwear (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1946; and
(2) the Alarm Clocks (Imported) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.


Copy of Directions and Licence, dated 23rd July, 1946, entitled the Fur Apparel (No. 9) Directions and Licence, 1946, and an Order relative thereto.

Copy of a General Licence, dated 25th July, 1946, in respect of the supply of rationed goods by delivery in Northern Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Education.

Miss Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd July, 1946, entitled—

(1) the Education (Local Education Authorities) Grant Regulations, 1946, and
(2) the Regulations for State Scholarships and University Supplemental Awards, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Supplies and Services (Price Control) (Food).

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,

(1) dated 23rd July, 1946, entitled the Home Grown Apples Order, 1946,
(2) dated 24th July, 1946, amending the Preserves Order, 1944, and
(3) dated 24th July, 1946, amending the Fruit Pulp Order, 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:

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 25th July, 1946, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Long Vacation), 1946.

Copy of the Ninety-third Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales:

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Derby Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Reading Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Finance (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Campbeltown Water, &c., Order Confirmation Bill, with an Amendment: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Birmingham Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Campbeltown Water, &c., Order Confirmation Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Douglas Patrick Thomas Jay, Esquire, New Member for the Borough of Battersea (North Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Business of Supply), Supplementary Estimates for New Services may be considered and Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock; and that if the first Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of this instant July shall have been agreed to before half an hour after Nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker shall proceed to put forthwith the Questions which he is directed to put at half an hour after Nine of the clock, by paragraph (7) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply), as modified by the Order made upon the 12th day of April last.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of the House, the Standing Order (Business of Supply), without any Amendment.

Mr. Simmons reported from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of this instant July, [50th allotted Day], Report.

Several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1946.

Class X.

Vote 6.

1. That a sum, not exceeding £52,554,310, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Control Office for Germany and Austria. 

2. ...
Germany and Austria and the Control Commissions for Germany and Austria, including certain supplies and services essential to the Occupation.

Class II.

Vote 9.

Colonial Office.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £448,752, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Foreign Office.

3. That a sum, not exceeding £2,292,030, 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 1947, 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.

Class I.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £7,344,168, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

| 1. House of Lords Offices | £ 45,067 |
| 2. House of Commons (including a Supplementary sum of £259,708) | £629,445 |
| 3. Registration of Electors | £270,000 |
| 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments (Revised sum) | £1,463,086 |
| 5. Privy Council Office | £12,804 |
| 6. The Central Office | £7,492 |
| 7. Charity Commission | £31,506 |
| 8. Civil Service Commission | £146,810 |
| 9. Exchequer and Audit Department | £206,150 |
| 10. Government Actuary | £38,927 |
| 11. Government Chemist | £93,158 |
| 12. GovernmentHospitality | £33,000 |
| 13. The Mint | £900 |
| 14. National Debt Office | £5,177 |
| 15. The National Savings Committee | £977,374 |
| 16. Overlapping Income Tax Payments | £1,400,000 |
| 17. Public Record Office | £39,848 |
| 18. Public Works Loan Commission | £90 |
| 19. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund | £16,564 |
| 20. Royal Commissions, &c. | £121,000 |
| 21. Secret Service | £1,500,000 |
| 22. The Redemption Commission | £90 |
| 23. Treasury Chest Fund | £3,779 |
| 24. Miscellaneous Expenses (including a Supplementary sum of £4,350) | £93,000 |
| 24A. Repayments to the Civil Con- gencies Fund | £14,243 |
| 25. Scottish Home Department | £192,857 |

| Total | £5,734,168 |

Class II.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £51,745,328, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

| 1. Diplomatic and Consular Establish- | £ 7,341,280 |
| 2. British Council | £1,544,000 |
| 3. League of Nations | £4,010 |

£51,745,328

Class III.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £18,128,228, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

| 1. Home Office | £1,147,812 |
| 2. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum | £100,045 |
| 3. Police, England and Wales | £9,574,714 |
| 4. Prisons, England and Wales | £2,444,726 |
| 5. Approved Schools, &c., England and Wales | £1,214,900 |
| 6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. (including a Supplementary sum of £143,000) | £143,090 |
| 7. County Courts, &c. | £345,506 |
| 8. Land Registry | £90 |
| 9. Public Trustee | £77,200 |
| 10. Law Charges | £231,827 |
| 11. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses | £21,101 |
| 12. Police | £1,764,840 |
| 13. Prisons | £239,110 |
| 14. Approved Schools, &c. | £1,500,000 |
| 15. Scottish Land Court | £5,907 |
| 16. Law Charges and Courts of Law | £62,901 |
| 17. Register House, Edinburgh | £4,225 |
| 18. Northern Ireland Services | £3,519 |
| 19. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland | £12,601 |
| 20. Irish Land Purchase Services | £390,534 |

£18,128,228

Class IV.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £90,374,800, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

| 1. Ministry of Education (including a Supplementary sum of £195,000) | £70,175,112 |
| 2. British Museum (including a Supplementary sum of £60,000) | £208,762 |
| 3. British Museum (Natural History) | £99,781 |
| 4. Imperial War Museum | £13,608 |
| 5. London Museums | £8,356 |
| 6. National Gallery (including a Supplementary sum of £6,000) | £38,577 |
| 7. National Maritime Museum | £9,908 |
| 8. National Portrait Gallery | £9,297 |
| 9. Wallace Collection | £12,515 |
| 10. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services (including a Supplementary sum of £2,010) | £3,750,000 |
| 11. Universities and Colleges, &c. | £3,750,000 |
| 12. Broadcasting | £3,750,000 |

| Total | £90,374,800 |
29th July.

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[Table of expenditures]

Class V.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £243,321,300, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<td>Registrar-General's Office</td>
<td>170,152</td>
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<td>Ministry of Labour and National Service (including a Supplementary sum of £50)</td>
<td>21,476,010</td>
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<td>Grants in respect of Employment Schemes</td>
<td>900,000</td>
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<td>Ministry of National Insurance</td>
<td>60,527,000</td>
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<td>Assistance Board</td>
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<td>National Insurance Audit Department</td>
<td>106,960</td>
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<td>Friendly Societies Registry</td>
<td>32,570</td>
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<td>Old Age Pensions</td>
<td>84,000,000</td>
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<td>Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions</td>
<td>6,025,000</td>
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<td>Supplementary Pensions</td>
<td>10,056,000</td>
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<td>Ministry of Town and Country Planning</td>
<td>1,454,267</td>
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Scotland.

14. Department of Health (including a Supplementary sum of £10) | 6,021,220  |
15. Board of Control                                              | 20,616     |
16. Registrar-General's Office                                    | 39,495     |

£243,321,300

Class VI.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £104,960,987, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<td>Board of Trade</td>
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<td>Services in Development Areas</td>
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<td>Ministry of Fuel and Power</td>
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<td>Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
<td>29,654</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Fisheries Production Services) (including Supplementary sums of £6,000,000 and £5,500,000)</td>
<td>32,579,500</td>
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<td>Surveys of Great Britain, &amp;c.</td>
<td>997,901</td>
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<td>Forestry Commission</td>
<td>2,000,000</td>
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<td>Development Fund</td>
<td>679,000</td>
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<td>Ministry of Transport</td>
<td>31,044,423</td>
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<td>Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries (Food Production Services)</td>
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<td>Mercantile Marine Services</td>
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<td>Ministry of Civil Aviation</td>
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<td>Development Grants</td>
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<td>Department of Scientific and Industrial Research</td>
<td>1,749,034</td>
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<td>State Management Districts</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>Clearing Offices (including a Supplementary sum of £34,079)</td>
<td>31,166</td>
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£104,960,987

Class VII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £56,644,154, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<td>Ministry of Works</td>
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<td>Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain (including a Supplementary sum of £10)</td>
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<td>Houses of Parliament Buildings</td>
<td>288,380</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain</td>
<td>90,456</td>
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<td>Osborne</td>
<td>21,750</td>
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<td>Public Buildings, Great Britain (including a Supplementary sum of £100)</td>
<td>28,866,340</td>
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<td>Public Buildings Overseas</td>
<td>2,700,000</td>
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<td>Royal Palaces</td>
<td>107,105</td>
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<td>Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
<td>278,380</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Work Services (including a Supplementary sum of £525,000)</td>
<td>3,347,610</td>
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<td>Victory Celebrations</td>
<td>88,470</td>
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<td>Rates on Government Property</td>
<td>6,959,693</td>
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<td>Stationery and Printing</td>
<td>9,085,806</td>
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<td>Central Office of Information</td>
<td>1,751,300</td>
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<tr>
<td>Peterhead Harbour</td>
<td>7,000</td>
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<td>Works and Buildings in Ireland</td>
<td>70,440</td>
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£56,644,154

Class VIII.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £56,742,465, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<td>Merchant Seamen's War Pensions</td>
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<td>Ministry of Pensions</td>
<td>63,747,000</td>
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<td>Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions</td>
<td>795,000</td>
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<td>Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
<td>2,700,000</td>
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£56,742,465

Class IX.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £42,408,896, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:-

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<td>Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales</td>
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<td>Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland</td>
<td>6,888,866</td>
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£42,408,896
Class X.

13. That a sum, not exceeding £545,330,555, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class X of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Ministry of Supply  £224,000
2. Ministry of Food 144,837,749
3. Ministry of Transport (War Services)  78,475,000
4. Ministry of Fuel and Power (War Services)  10,300,000
5. Home Office (War Services)  19,950,205
6. United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration  5,000,000
7. War Damage Commission  933,500
8. War Service Grants  3,125,000
9. Scottish Home Department (War Services)  710,550

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1946.

14. That a sum, not exceeding £103,493,020, 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 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

1. Customs and Excise  £5,424,400
2. Inland Revenue  19,880,620
3. Post Office  87,499,000

Navy Estimates, 1946.

15. That a sum, not exceeding £105,075,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

1. Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and Women's Royal Naval Service (in addition to the sum of £52,000,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  £35,290,000
2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy (in addition to the sum of £11,500,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  8,135,000
3. Medical Establishments and Services (in addition to the sum of £1,000,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  889,000
4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services (in addition to the sum of £1,500,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  975,000
5. Educational Services (in addition to the sum of £200,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  219,000
6. Scientific Services (in addition to the sum of £2,500,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  2,204,000
7. Royal Naval Reserves (in addition to the sum of £200,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  160,000

Army Estimates, 1946.

16. That a sum, not exceeding £232,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

1. Pay, &c., of the Army (in addition to the sum of £14,300,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  £76,511,000
2. Reserve Forces (to a number not exceeding 90,000, all ranks, for the Army Reserve), Territorial Army, Cadet Forces, &c. (in addition to the sum of £2,472,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  1,275,000
3. Medical Services (in addition to the sum of £2,106,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  1,168,000
4. Educational Establishments (in addition to the sum of £1,095,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  545,000
5. Quartering and Movements (in addition to the sum of £53,080,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  28,708,000
6. Supplies (in addition to the sum of £82,940,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account)  42,776,000
7. Clothing (in addition to the sum of £5,275,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) - £1,172,000
8. General Stores (in addition to the sum of £20,580,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) - £10,014,000
9. Warlike Stores (in addition to the sum of £5,275,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) - £2,722,000
10. Works, Buildings and Lands (in addition to the sum of £34,400,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) - £17,739,000
11. Miscellaneous Effective Services (in addition to the sum of £97,840,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) - £45,311,000
12. War Office (in addition to the sum of £3,098,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) - £1,082,000
13. Half-Pay, Retired Pay and other Non-Effective Charges for Officers (in addition to the sum of £1,850,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) - £1,550,000
14. Pensions and other Non-Effective Charges for Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Men and others (in addition to the sum of £11,283,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) - £601,000
15. Civil Superannuation, Compensation and Gratuities (in addition to the sum of £321,000 to be allocated from the Vote on Account) - £166,000

Air Estimates, 1946.

17. That a sum, not exceeding £105,500,000 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:—

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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 half an hour after Nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business of Supply), as modified by the Order made upon the 12th day of April last, to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Report 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 Resolutions reported in respect of Classes I to X of the Civil Estimates, and of the Revenue Departments Estimates, the Navy Estimates, the Army Estimates and the Air Estimates:—

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1946.

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 Resolutions 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, Housing, Town Planning, Labour and National 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.
Supply, Food and Miscellaneous 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.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1946.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Revenue Departments Estimates :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Navy Estimates, 1946.
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, 1946.
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, 1946.
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.

Captain Stewart reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 25th day of this instant July, several Resolutions ; which were read, as follow :
1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1945, the sum of £10 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.
2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, the sum of £1,829,054,990 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions : And that the Chairman, Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Glendower Hall and Mr. Whiteley do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Whiteley accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five and one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament :—And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow ; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Insurance Bill :

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider Civil Aviation Bill.

Mr. Whiteley accordingly presented a Bill to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Civil Aviation Bill:

And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 31, insert new Clause A (Constitution of Scottish Associate), the first Amendment, being read a second time ;

And a Motion being made, and the Question put:

Mr. Whiteley accordingly reported from the Lords to the National Insurance Bill:

Ordered, That the House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Ivor Thomas) :—And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock, on Tuesday morning ;

Tuesday, 30th July, 1946:

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put ;

And the Question being put, That the Question put pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).
Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 15, l. 34, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 15, l. 34, at end insert—

(3) The said Act of 1934 shall have effect as if, after subsection (1) of section fourteen thereof, there were inserted the following subsection:

"(1A) Without prejudice to their powers under the last preceding subsection, the Corporation may, with the consent of the Treasury, create and issue Airways Stock which is to be allotted as consideration for the acquisition of any other undertaking or of shares or stock in any other undertaking."'

The next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 23, l. 9, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 23, l. 9—leave out ("civil aviation purposes") and insert ("purposes connected with the discharge of his functions"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 23, l. 35, leave out ("civil aviation purposes") and insert ("purposes connected with the discharge of his functions"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 24, l. 5, leave out ("an order made under"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 24, l. 8, leave out ("civil aviation purposes") and insert ("purposes connected with the discharge of the functions of the Minister"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 26, l. 44, leave out subsections (1), (2) and (3) and insert—

(1) His Majesty may by Order in Council provide for the constitution of an Air Transport Advisory Council consisting of a chairman, who shall be appointed by the Lord Chancellor and who shall be a barrister, advocate or solicitor of not less than seven years' standing, and such number of members appointed by the Minister (not being less than two nor more than four) as may be determined in accordance with the Order.

Of the members of the Council appointed by the Minister, at least one shall be a person of experience in the operation of air transport services, and at least one shall be a person of experience in the operation of other transport services.

No member of any of the three Corporations, and no person employed by any of the three Corporations, shall be qualified to be a member of the Council.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Air Transport Advisory Council to consider any representation from any person with respect to the adequacy of the facilities provided by any of the three Corporations, or with respect to the charges for any such facilities:

Provided that the Council shall not be required by this subsection to consider any such representation if, in their opinion, it is frivolous or vexatious or if, in their opinion, the matters to which the representation relates have been already sufficiently considered by the Council, or if, in their opinion, it is inexpedient that they should consider the representation on the ground that the matters to which it relates are for the time being regulated by any international agreement to which His Majesty's government in the United Kingdom is a party.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Air Transport Advisory Council to consider any question which may be referred to the Council by the Minister, being:

(a) a question relating to facilities for transport by air in any part of the world, or relating to the charges for such facilities; or

(b) a question which in the opinion of the Minister requires consideration with a view to the improvement of air transport services.

(4) When the Council have considered any such representation or question as aforesaid, they shall report to the Minister upon their conclusions, and shall make such recommendations to the Minister in connection with those conclusions as they think expedient.

(5) The Council may appoint such assessors as they think expedient for the purpose of securing that they are properly advised with respect to matters affecting the interests of persons who use air transport services, or of any class of such persons, and the interests of technical, professional, industrial and commercial bodies (including those of organised labour) directly concerned with the provision of air transport services.

The Lords Amendment in p. 27, l. 42, after ("Parliament") insert ("provisions for the payment out of such moneys of expenses incurred in connection with the appointment of assessors by the Council"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, in subsection (5), l. 7, by inserting, after the word "may," the words "with the approval of the Minister."—(Mr. Ivor Thomas.)

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, so amended;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Simmons :

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Mibardo : 151. 30.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 27, l. 42, after ("Parliament") insert ("provisions for the payment out of such moneys of expenses incurred in connection with the appointment of assessors by the Council"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to supply an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 29, l. 34, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 29, l. 34, at end insert new Clause B (Management and administration of aerodromes), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 30, l. 36, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 32, l. 19 at end insert—

("(4) In this section the expression 'war service' means service in any of His Majesty's forces and such other employment as may be prescribed by regulations made under this section.")", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 46, l. 19, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 46, l. 19, at end insert ("In subsection (2) of section thirteen, the words 'under this Act'"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Colonel Hutchison, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mr. Mkhando, Sir Thomas Moore, and Mr. Ivor Thomas:—And they, are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Ivor Thomas.)

Mr. Joseph Henderson and Mr. Drewe, the Tellers in the Yeas Division Lobby this day on the Question, That the Question be now put, came to the Table and stated that they had erroneously reported the number of the Yeas as 238, instead of 228, which was the correct number:

Whereupon Mr. Speaker declared the numbers to the House as Yeas, 228, Noes, 104.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Estimates have power to appoint a sub-Committee to visit Austria and to hold sittings in Vienna and in the British zone of occupation, for the purpose of further examining the Estimate for the Control Office for Germany and Austria, and of examining the Army Estimates, so far as they relate to the cost of maintaining British forces in Austria.—(Mr. Kirby.)

Mr. Ivor Thomas reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Civil Aviation Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House:—And the same was read, as followeth:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 3, l. 31, for the following Reason:—

Because the purposes of the said Amendment can be better secured under the provisions of the Bill without the said Amendment.

The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendments):—And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Captain Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Three of the clock upon Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 187.]

Tuesday, 30th July, 1946.

The House met at half 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 thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable).—(Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, be read a second time upon Friday next.

The House was moved, That the Entry in the Votes of the 26th day of this instant July, of the Proceedings of the House in respect of the consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Long Eaton Urban District Council Bill, might be read; And the same being read:

Ordered, That the said Proceedings be null and void.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

And a consequential Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, and hath made a consequential Amendment to the Bill; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Derby Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; and the same was twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

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[The House adjourned at Five of the Clock.]
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Maidstone Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Reading Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Mr. Secretary Ede 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 Borough of Saffron Walden.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th July 1946, entitled the Educational Development, Research and Services (Scotland) Grant Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaac presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1946, entitled the Disabled Persons (General) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946.

Copies of Orders, dated 25th July 1946, entitled—
   (1) the Disabled Persons (Designated Employments) Order, 1946, and
   (2) the Disabled Persons (Standard Percentage) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1946, entitled the Essential Work (Trawler Fishing) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Mr. Shinnell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Special Orders,—
   (1) dated 29th July 1946, entitled the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Electric Power Special Order 1946, and
   (2) dated 30th July 1946, entitled the Lancashire Electric Power Special Order 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkin presented, by His Majesty's Town and Command,—Copy of the Final Report of the New Towns Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1946, entitled the Control of Aluminium (No. 7) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1946, entitled the Light Metals and Alloys Fabrication (No. 2) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, by His Majesty's World Food Command,—Copy of the Second Review of the World Food Shortage, made in July 1946.

Mr. Strachey also presented, pursuant to the Supply and Services (Transitional Powers) (Raw Materials),

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney-General presented, by His Matrimonial Majesty's Command,—Copy of the First Causes, Interim Report of the Committee on Procedure in Matrimonial Causes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, that they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House:—And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:
   The Lords have agreed to the Isle of Man (Customs) (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Tees Conservancy 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 Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison), The House divided:—The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) 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.

New Towns Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the New Towns 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.

National Insurance Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Insurance Bill; and the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 38, l. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 38, l. 15, at end insert ("and on any such reference or appeal the court may order the Minister to pay the costs of any other person, whether or not the decision is in his favour and whether or not the Minister appears on the reference or appeal."); the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to carry out the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretaries of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Torquay, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Collindridge.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

\[No. 188.\]

**Wednesday, 31st July, 1946.**

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

The House, pursuant to the Order made upon the 29th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Birmingham Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, pursuant to the Order made upon the 29th day of this instant July, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tees Conservancy 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.

Ordered, That the several Amendments to the Standing Orders relative to Private Business hereinafter stated in the Schedule be made:

**SCHEDULE.**

Standing Order 3, p. 91, l. 29, leave out "and the," and insert "If they have so certified, the Chairman of Ways and Means shall report the fact to this House."

Leave out Standing Order 22, and insert new Standing Order 22:—

"22.—(1) Notices under Standing Orders 13 to 21 shall be given—

(a) by delivering the notice personally to the party entitled thereto or by leaving it at his usual place of..."
abode or (in his absence from the United Kingdom) by delivering it personally to his agent, or (where that party is a local authority, or a company, society, or association howsoever constituted) by delivering the notice personally to the clerk or secretary thereof; or

(b) by forwarding the notice by post in a registered letter, addressed with a sufficient direction to—

(i) the principal office of the party (being a local authority, company, society or association); or

(ii) in any other case the usual place of abode of the party or (in his absence from the United Kingdom) of his agent, and posted on or before the third day previously to the day required for delivery thereof personally, at such places, at such hours, and according to such regulations as the Postmaster General may from time to time have appointed for the posting and registration of such letters.

(2) Every such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the Standing Orders which regulate the time and mode of presenting petitions in opposition to Bills.

Standing Order 31, p. 111, l. 17, leave out "Board of Trade," and insert "Ministry of Transport."

Standing Order 39, p. 116, l. 21, leave out "at the Board of Trade, and,"

Standing Order 93, p. 160, l. 9, leave out "or," and after "association," insert "or partnership."

L. 14, leave out "or," and after "association," insert "or partnership."

Standing Order 209, p. 208, l. 24, after "delivered," insert "or made."

Leave out Standing Order 212, and insert new Standing Order 212.

"212.—Whenever plans, sections, books of reference, or maps are deposited with any Public Department in relation to—

(a) any Provisional Order or certificate; or

(b) any order or certificate which, although as made was not provisional, becomes, after the making thereof, provisional, or

(c) any order within the meaning of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, which is subject to special parliamentary procedure, being an order or certificate by which it is proposed to authorise the compulsory acquisition or user of land or the construction or alteration of works, duplicates of those documents shall also be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office:

(i) in the case of any such order or certificate as is mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Order, on the same day as the deposit is made with the Public Department or, if such deposit is made after a prorogation of Parliament and before the twentieth day of November in any year, on or before the twentieth day of November;

(ii) in the case of any such order or certificate as is mentioned in paragraph (b) of this Order, on or before the date of the introduction into either House of Parliament of a Bill for confirming the order or certificate; and

(iii) in the case of any such order as is mentioned in paragraph (c) of this Order, on the day following that on which the order is laid before either House of Parliament."

Standing Order 216, p. 212, l. 14, leave out "except."

L. 15, leave out from "which," to the end of the "Order, and insert "has begun in a previous year."

Standing Order 235, p. 222, l. 14, at the beginning, insert "In the case of a substituted Bill originating in this House."

L. 20, leave out from "Bill" to the end of the Order.

Standing Order 236, p. 223, l. 2, after "Ministry," insert "or the Ministry of Civil Aviation."

L. 3, after "Air," add "or the Minister of Civil Aviation, as the case may be."

—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Housing, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

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.

Account for the year ended the 31st day of December 1945, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the National Debt Commissioners to the Credit of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund, the Interest paid and credited to Depositors in pursuance of the Acts relating to Post Office Savings Banks, and the Expenses incurred in the execution of those Acts:— Also, Account for the year ended the 20th day of November 1945, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the names of the National Debt Commissioners to the Credit of the Fund for the Banks for Savings, and the Interest paid and credited to Trustees of Savings Banks: also showing the Expenses incurred in the Execution of the Acts relating to Savings Banks:—Also, Account for the year ended the 20th day of November 1945, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the National Debt Commissioners to the Credit of the Fund for Friendly Societies, and the Interest paid and credited to the Trustees of Friendly Societies.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty’s Command,—Copy of an Instrument (No. 30, 1946), for the amendment of the constitution of the International Labour Organisation, made at Paris on the 5th day of November 1945.
Mr. Isaccs also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1946, entitled the Control of Engagement (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th July 1946, entitled the Traffic on Highways (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th July, 1946, entitled the Family Allowances (Isle of Man Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stracey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

1. dated 25th July 1946, amending the Oats (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1944, and the Oats (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1944.
2. dated 25th July 1946, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.
4. dated 25th July 1946, amending the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1946, and the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1944.
5. dated 25th July 1946, further amending the General Licence, dated 11th September 1943, under the Manufactured and Pre-Packed Foods (Control) Order, 1942, and

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Schedule of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Pensions, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Schedule of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Production, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

(Ratification by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom was deposited on the 26th day of June 1946).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of University Court Ordinances—

1. No. 219 (No. 43 of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen) (Superannuation and Pensioning of Principals and Professors: Amendment of University Court Ordinance No. 195 (No. 35 of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen)).
2. No. 220 (No. 44 of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen) (Foundation of the Anderson Chair of Psychology: Repeal of University Court Ordinance No. 105 (No. 13 of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen)); and
3. No. 221 (No. 50 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Amendment of University Court Ordinance No. 176 (No. 44 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow). Pensioning and Superannuation of Principals and Professors).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th July 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 5) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th July 1946, entitled the Control of Jute (No. 5) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Miss Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations,—

1. dated 26th July 1946, entitled the Primary and Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations, No. 2, 1946.
2. dated 26th July 1946, entitled the Art Awards Regulations, 1946.
3. dated 26th July 1946, entitled the Training of Teachers Supplementary Grant Regulations, 1946.
4. dated 27th July 1946, entitled the Handicapped Pupils and School Health Service Amending Regulations, No. 1, 1946.
5. dated 27th July 1946, entitled the Ministry of Education (Further Education and Training) Grant Regulations, 1946.
6. dated 27th July 1946, entitled the Science Awards Regulations, 1946, and
7. dated 27th July 1946, entitled the Provision of Free Milk Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The stoppage of work in the Trawler Fishing Industry.

Mr. Isaccs also presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of a Court of Inquiry into the circumstances and causes of
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 8 agreed to.

Schedules A, B and C agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Mr. Speaker's the Lords and desire their concurrence (the Certificate) Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911, D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley);

And, it being Ten 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 Road Traffic proposed, That the Highway Code, prepared by the Minister of Transport under subsection (1) of Section 45 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, a copy of which Code was presented on the 11th day of this instant July, be approved—(Mr. George Strauss);—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Robert Hudson);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hannon; Tells for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell. 85.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being again proposed;

And the House having continued to sit until after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 1st August, 1946:

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Stallholme; Tells for the Noes, Mr. Collindridge. 231.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Central Electricity Board Electricity (Increase of Borrowing Powers) Special Order, 1946, dated 9th July 1946, made by the Electricity Commissioners and confirmed by
the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, a copy of which Order was presented on the 10th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1946, dated 28th July 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 No. 1143), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of July last, be annulled—(Mr. Snadden)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Pearson,
Mr. Simmons;

Mr. Spence,
Mr. Simmons;

178.
179.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1946, dated 28th July 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 No. 1143), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of July last, be annulled;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Pearson,
Mr. Simmons;

Mr. Drewe,
Mr. Studholme;

178.
52.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Threshing Order, 1946, dated 18th July 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 No. 1058), dated 9th July last, be annulled (Mr. Hynd);

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Threshing Order, 1946, dated 18th July 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 No. 1143), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of July last, be annulled;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Snadden,
Mr. Spence;

Mr. Pearson,
Mr. Simmons;

53.
178.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1946, dated 28th July 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 No. 1143), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of July last, be annulled—(Mr. Hurd);

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present.—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock on Wednesday afternoon.—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at twenty-eight minutes after Four of the clock on Thursday morning, without a Question first put, till this day.

The West Yorkshire Gas Distribution Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the Catering Wages, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Third Annual Report of the Catering Wages Commission (for 1945-46).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food). Directions, of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1946, amending the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1945, and the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of an Additional Rule for the disposal Public Records, of Documents which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office, dated 24th July 1946, relating to Documents existing or accruing in the Central Office of Information.

Copy of Rules dated 31st July 1946, Supreme Court entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) (Procedure). (No. 2) Rules, 1946.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Roosevelt Memorial Bill of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of...
this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Finance Act, 1946.
6. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1946.
7. Civil Aviation Act, 1946.
10. Ipswich Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1946.
12. Reading Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order Confirmation Act, 1946.
17. Tees Conservancy Act, 1946.

Adjournment:

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Acquisition of Land (Increase of Supplement) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1163), dated 22nd July 1946, made by the Treasury under the Town and Country Planning Act 1944, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That the Acquisition of Land (Increase of Supplement) (Scotland) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1165), dated 22nd July 1946, made by the Treasury under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Miss Wilkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of a Scheme, dated 30th July 1946, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Royal Aircraft Establishment Technical College) Scheme, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1946, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley); And, it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Stewart); And, it being half an hour after Four of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Tuesday the 8th day of October next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[No. 191.]

Tuesday, 8th October, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had issued, during the Adjournment, a Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Burgh of Glasgow (Bridgeton Division), in the room of James Maxton, Esquire, deceased.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order made by this House upon the 1st day of August last, That, in the case of the Roosevelt Memorial Bill, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ardrossan Gas Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The following Papers, presented by His Parliamentary Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, and delivered to the Librarian of the House, during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Copy of a Report of the Civil Service National Civil Service Whitley Council Committee on the marriage bar (Marriage Bar), in the Civil Service.

Copy of Letters exchanged and Memorandum Austria, of Agreement regarding Payments between the United Kingdom and Austria.

Copy of Letters exchanged and Memorandum Hungary, of Agreement regarding Payments between the United Kingdom and Hungary.

Copy of a Memorandum on a Central Defence Organisation for Defence.

Copy of a Report of the Care of Children Children Committee.

Copy of the Forty-Second Annual Report Royal of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation (Patriotic Fund Corporation. 1945).

Copy of an Agreement concerning the liquidation of German Property in Switzerland, signed at Washington on the 25th day of May 1946.

Copy of Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund and of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, signed at Washington on the 27th day of December 1945.

Copy of a Convention between His Majesty's Treaty Series 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 the estates of deceased persons, signed at Washington on the 16th day of April 1945 (Ratifications exchanged at Washington on the 25th day of July 1946).

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Treaty Series Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Netherlands for certain Air Services (with annex and notes exchanged) signed at London on the 13th day of August 1946.

Copy of an Anglo-French Agreement for the Treaty Series Re-establishment of the International Administration of Tangier, signed at Paris on the 31st day of August 1945 (Ratifications exchanged at Paris on the 7th day of January 1946).

Copy of Notes exchanged between the 6th Treaty Series and the 12th day of March 1942 between His Majesty's Government in Canada and the Government of the United States of America, recording an Agreement respecting Unemployment Insurance (in force on the 12th day of April 1942).

Copy of a Convention and Protocol between Treaty Series 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 on the 16th day of April 1945 and the 6th day of June 1946 (Ratifications of the Convention and Protocol were exchanged at Washington on the 25th day of July 1946).
Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington between the 7th day of May and the 15th day of June 1945, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America relating to the use and disposal of United Nations vessels captured or found by their forces in the course of operations for the liberation of Europe.

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).

Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 4th day of January 1943 between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Belgian Government, concerning the disposal of the property of merchant seamen who die while serving in British and Belgian ships.

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Royal Norwegian Government concerning Air Communications to, through and from Great Britain and Norway, signed at London on 31st August 1946 (with annex).

Copy of a Treaty of Alliance between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Highness the Amir of Trans-Jordan (with annex and notes exchanged), signed at London on the 22nd day of March 1946 (Ratifications exchanged at Amman on the 17th day of June 1946).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Paris on the 28th day of August 1946 between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic extending the time-limit in Article I of the Anglo-French Agreement of the 29th day of July 1946 concerning Industrial, Literary and Artistic Property.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London between the 12th and the 16th day of September 1946, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Royal Netherlands Government, amending the Anglo-Netherlands Monetary Agreement of the 7th day of September 1945.

Copy of a Draft Peace Treaty with Italy, prepared by the Council of Foreign Ministers, for consideration by the Peace Conference of Twenty-one Nations meeting in Paris on the 29th day of July 1946.

Copy of a Draft Peace Treaty with Hungary, prepared by the Council of Foreign Ministers, for consideration by the Peace Conference of Twenty-one Nations meeting in Paris on the 29th day of July 1946.

Copy of a Draft Peace Treaty with Bulgaria, prepared by the Council of Foreign Ministers, for consideration by the Peace Conference of Twenty-one Nations meeting in Paris on the 29th day of July 1946.

Copy of a Draft Peace Treaty with Finland, prepared by the Council of Foreign Ministers, for consideration by the Peace Conference of Twenty-one Nations meeting in Paris on the 29th day of July 1946.
Copy of the Thirty-first Report of the Church Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales (for 1945).


Copy of Orders made by the under-mentioned local authorities and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Act, 1912—

(1) Council of the Borough of Barry.
(2) Town Council of the Borough of Chatham.
(3) Council of the Borough of High Wycombe.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, to the House of Commons, copies of certain orders made by the authorities under the Shop Regulation Acts, 1899 to 1912, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Act, 1912—

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, to the House of Commons, copies of certain orders made by the authorities under the Shop Regulation Acts, 1899 to 1912, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Act, 1912—

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, to the House of Commons, copies of certain orders made by the authorities under the Shop Regulation Acts, 1899 to 1912, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Act, 1912—

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, to the House of Commons, copies of certain orders made by the authorities under the Shop Regulation Acts, 1899 to 1912, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Act, 1912—

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th September 1946, revoking Navigation Order No. 12, 1942.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. de Freitas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 30th July 1946, making special provision regulating the issue of pay and allowances to members of His Majesty’s Royal Air Force serving on Foreign Service and their wives and dependants,

(2) dated 12th August 1946, making provision for the payment of new rates of pay and allowances to members of His Majesty’s Royal Air Force and ancillary services and their wives and dependants, and

(3) dated 23rd August 1946, making provision for the formation of the Polish Resettlement Corps (Royal Air Force) with an explanatory Memorandum.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council dated 24th September 1946, approving Admiralty Memorials for sanction to—

(1) the payment of Tropical Allowance under certain conditions, and

(2) the stoppage of Pay and Allowances of Officers and Ratings previously known to be in enemy hands who are still unaccounted for.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 31st July 1946, entitled the Redeemed Service Clothing (Maximum Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1946,

(2) dated 2nd August 1946, entitled the Laundry (Maximum Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1946,

(3) dated 20th August 1946, entitled the Utility Footwear (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946,

(4) dated 21st August 1946, entitled the General Hardware and Ironmongery (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1946,

(5) dated 21st August 1946, entitled the Rubber Hot Water Bottles (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946,

(6) dated 21st August 1946, entitled the Rags (Wiping Rags) (Maximum Charges) Order, 1946,

(7) dated 23rd August 1946, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 5) Order, 1946,

(8) dated, 23rd August 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 6) Order, 1946,

(9) dated 26th August 1946, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1946,

(10) dated 31st August 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1946,

(11) dated 6th September 1946, entitled the Electric Torch Dry Batteries (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946,

(12) dated 20th September 1946, entitled the Hemming (Maximum Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1946,

(13) dated 13th September 1946, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 6) Order, 1946,

(14) dated 16th September 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 4) Order, 1946, and

(15) dated 1st October 1946, entitled the Domestic Woodware (Wholesalers’ and Retailers’ Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th August 1946, entitled the General Footwear (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1946.

Copy of Regulations, dated 9th August 1946, entitled the Assurance Companies (Balance Sheet Certificate) Regulations, 1946.

Copy of Rules, dated 9th August 1946, entitled the Assurance Companies (Withdrawal of Deposits) Rules, 1946.

Copy of Directions—

(1) dated 6th August 1946, entitled the Curtain Cloth (Utility) (No. 6) Directions, 1946,
(2) dated 6th August 1946, entitled the
Upholstery Cloth (Utility) (No. 9) Direc-
tions, 1946,
(3) dated 6th August 1946, entitled the
Woven Non-Wool Cloth (Manufacture and
Supply) (Amendment) Directions, 1946,
(4) dated 9th August 1946, entitled the
Gloves (No. 10) Directions, 1946,
(5) dated 17th August 1946, entitled the
Utility Apparel (Infants' and Girls' Wear)
(Amendment) (No. 3) Directions, 1946,
(6) dated 23rd August 1946, entitled the
Corslets (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 16)
Directions, 1946,
(7) dated 6th September 1946, entitled the
Household Textiles (Manufacture and Sup-
ply) (Amendment) Directions, 1946, and
(8) dated 28th September 1946, entitled the
Rugs (Manufacture and Supply) Directions,
1946.

Copy of Directions and Licence, dated 21st
September 1946, entitled the Woven Non-Wool
Cloth (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment)
(No. 2) Directions and Licence, 1946.

Copy of Directions and Order, dated 20th
August 1946, entitled the Footwear (Supply,
Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) Directions
and Order, 1946.

Copy of an Amendment, dated 13th August
1946, of the Licence dated 19th July 1944,
in respect of the Supply of Certain Uniforms and
Other Clothing.

Copy of an Order and Direction, dated 8th
September 1946, entitled the Consumer Ration-
ing (Transfer of Coupons in Northern Ireland)
Order and Direction, 1946.

Copies of General Licences—
(1) dated 19th August 1946, in respect of the
Supply of Wooden-soled Footwear,
(2) dated 6th September 1946, in respect of the
Supply of Woolen Cloth, and
(3) dated 14th September 1946, in respect of the
Supply of Wooden Soles and Wooden-
soled Footwear.

Copies of Directions—
(1) dated 26th August 1946, entitled the
Domestic Furniture (Utility Mark) (No. 2)
Directions, 1946, and
(2) dated 16th September 1946, entitled the
Domestic Furniture (Utility Mark) (No. 3)
Directions, 1946.

Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 7th August 1946, entitled the
Furniture (Control of Manufacture and
Supply) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1946,
(2) dated 26th August 1946, entitled the
Furniture (Control of Manufacture and
Supply) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 1946,
and
(3) dated 16th September 1946, entitled the
Furniture (Control of Manufacture and
Supply) (Amendment) (No. 5) Order, 1946.

Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 1st August 1946, entitled the
Control of Woolen and Worsted Clippings
and Other Residues (Revocation) Order,
1946,
(2) dated 3rd August 1946, entitled the
Control of Paper (No. 76) Order, 1946
(3) dated 7th August 1946, entitled the
Control of Wool (No. 31) (Prices) Order,
1946,
Local Government Superannuation. Copys of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937—
(1) Chatham Town Council.
(2) Esher Urban District Council.
(3) Grimsby County Borough Council.
(4) Hastings Town Council.
(5) Heanor Urban District Council.
(6) Kent County Council.
(7) Northampton Town Council.
(8) North Riding of Yorkshire County Council.
(9) Nottingham City Council.
(10) Salford City Council.
(11) Shipley Urban District Council.
(12) Sutton Coldfield Town Council.
Copy of an Order, dated 7th August 1946, entitled the Yorkshire Casual Poor Assistance Order, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statements showing as regards the Telegraph Service and the Telephone Service the Amount expended during the year ended the 31st day of March 1946 on account of the Annual Charge in respect of any Securities or Terminable Annuities created under the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1925 and the Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Acts, 1928 to 1942, for the purpose of the Services:—Also, certain Returns relating to Capital Borrowings.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Issacs presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd October 1946, entitled the Unlicensed Residential Establishment Wages Board (Registration) Regulations, 1946.
Copy of an Order, dated 20th August 1946, entitled the Control of Engagement (No. 3) Order, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1945.
Copy of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Report, with Accounts, of the Port of London Authority for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946.
Report respecting the proceedings under the Railway Regulations Act, 1893, during the year ended the 27th day of July 1946.
Copy of Regulations, dated 24th September 1946, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 1946.
Copy of an Order, dated 24th August 1946, entitled the Transport of Straw (Revocation) Order, 1946.
Copy of an Order, dated 8th August 1946, entitled the Road Transport of Goods (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Post Office Telegraph and Telephone Service (Account of Securities or Terminable Annuities). Copy of an Order, dated 8th August 1946, entitled the Barley (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1946.
(2) dated 29th July 1946, entitled the Barley (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946.
(3) dated 1st August 1946, amending the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.
(4) dated 1st August 1946, entitled the Canned Fruit (Prohibition of Retail Sales) Order, 1946.
(7) dated 7th August 1946, entitled the Soyabean Flour (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.
(8) dated 8th August 1946, entitled the Meat Products, Canned Soup and Canned Meat (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1945.
(9) dated 9th August 1946, amending the Canned Fruit, Sugar Confectionery and Cocoa Products (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1944.
(10) dated 9th August 1946, amending the Canned Fish (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.
(13) dated 20th August 1946, amending the Potatoes (1946 Crop) (No. 1) Order, 1946.
(14) dated 20th August 1946, amending the Animal Oils and Fats (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.
(15) dated 20th August 1946, amending the Tomatoes Order, 1946.
(16) dated 21st August 1946, amending the Feeding Stuffs (Regulation of Manufacture) Order, 1944.
(17) dated 26th August 1946, amending the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1945.
(18) dated 25th August 1946, entitled the Poultry (Control and Prices) Order, 1946.
(19) dated 28th August 1946, entitled the Poultry (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946.
(20) dated 28th August 1946, entitled the Tea (Prices) Order, 1946.
(21) dated 29th August 1946, entitled the Imported Apples Order, 1946.
(22) dated 30th August 1946, entitled the Carrots (1946 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a General Licence, dated 4th September 1946, under the Labelling of Food (No. 2) Order, 1944.

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Road. Vehicles and Drivers).

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a General Licence, dated 4th September 1946, under the Labelling of Food (No. 2) Order, 1944.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Road. Vehicles and Drivers).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers).
(23) dated 3rd September 1946, amending the Biscuits (Maximum Retail Prices) Order, 1943.
(24) dated 4th September 1946, amending the Preserves Order, 1944.
(25) dated 4th September 1946, amending the Manufactured and Pre-packed Foods (Control) Order, 1942.
(26) dated 5th September 1946, amending the Feeding Stuffs (Rationing) Order, 1943, and giving Directions thereunder.
(27) dated 5th September 1946, amending the Tomatoes Order, 1946.
(28) dated 12th September 1946, amending the Nuts Order, 1945.
(29) dated 12th September 1946, amending the Dried Fruits (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.
(30) dated 12th September 1946, amending the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1946.
(31) dated 16th September 1946, amending the Canned Puddings (Maximum Prices) Order, 1945.
(32) dated 18th September 1946, amending the Flour Order, 1945.
(33) dated 19th September 1946, amending the Meat Products, Canned Soup and Canned Meat (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.
(34) dated 23rd September 1946, amending the Cheese (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.
(35) dated 26th September 1946, amending the Imported Apples Order, 1946.
(36) dated 26th September 1946, entitled the Potatoes (1946 Crop) Order (No. 2) Order, 1946.
(37) dated 27th September 1946, amending the Macaroni and Similar Products (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1942.
(38) dated 28th September 1946, revoking the Lecks (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943.
(39) dated 30th September 1946, amending the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1945, and the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1945.
(40) dated 1st October 1946, amending the Citrus Fruit Order, 1945.
(41) dated 2nd October 1946, amending the Pulse (Control and Prices) Order, 1943, and
(42) dated 3rd October 1946, amending the Feeding Stuffs (National Priority Pigeon Mixture) Order, 1943.

Copy of Directions, dated 20th August 1946, supplementary to the Milk (Control and Maximum Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1943.

Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 12th August 1946, amending the Meat (Rationing) Order, 1946.
(2) dated 13th August 1946, entitled the Bread (Rationing) Order (No. 2) Order, 1946.
(3) dated 20th August 1946, amending the Bread (Rationing) Order (No. 2) Order, 1946.
(4) dated 12th September 1946, amending the Sugar and Preserves (Rationing) Order, 1946, and
(5) dated 13th September 1946, amending the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Copy of a General Licence, dated 13th September 1946, under the Food Rationing Orders, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th August 1946, entitled the Food Machinery, Plant and Appliances (General) (No. 10) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th August 1946, entitled the Control of Machine Tools (No. 15) Order, 1946.

Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 9th August 1946, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 52) Order, 1946, and
(2) dated 13th September 1946, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 53) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 9th August 1946, entitled the Control of Bolts, Nuts, Screws, Studs, Washers and Rivets (No. 12) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th September 1946, entitled the National Insurance (Increase of Contributory Pensions) Regulations, 1946.

Copy of Regulations, dated 25th September 1946, entitled the National Health Insurance (Dental Benefit) Amendment Regulations (No. 4), 1946.

Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 15th August 1946, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order, 1946,
(2) dated 15th August 1946, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (No. 2) Order, 1946,
(3) dated 30th September 1946, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Banking Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1946,
(4) dated 30th September 1946, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations—

(1) dated 17th September 1946, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Subsidence) Regulations, 1946.
(2) dated 27th September 1946, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Central Valuation Board) Regulations, 1946,
(3) dated 27th September 1946, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Options and Constitution of Compensation Units) Regulations, 1946, and
(4) dated 27th September 1946, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Central Selling Schemes) Regulations, 1946.

Copy of a Special Order, dated 17th August Electricity 1946, entitled the Manganese, Broadstairs and District Electricity Special Order, 1946.
Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, entitled the CoalChester Gas Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th September 1946, entitled the Coal Mining (Training and Medical Examination) Order, 1946.


Copy of an Order, dated 30th August 1946, entitled the Gas and Electricity Companies (Relaxation of Obligations) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Schuster to attend to be examined as a Witness, before Sub-Committee F appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates.—(Sir Ralph Glyn.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Atomic Energy Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And, it being Seven of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business), further Proceeding stood postponed without a Question being put.

Ordered, That the several Amendments to the Standing Orders relating to Private Business, hereinafter stated in the Schedule, be made:—

SCHEDULE.

Standing Order 211, page 209, line 23, at the end, insert "and nothing in those Orders shall apply to Orders within the meaning of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, being Orders in relation to which that Act applies, or to Bills to confirm such Orders."

Standing Order 225, page 210, line 4, leave out "In the following Orders," and insert "In the Orders contained in this Chapter."

Standing Order 229, page 220, line 12, after "Act," insert "whether as originally enacted or as applied by subsection (2) of section 10 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945."

Standing Order 230, page 220, line 20, after "Act," insert "whether as originally enacted or as applied by subsection (2) of section 10 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945."

After Standing Order 236, insert new Standing Orders 236a to 236l.

CHAPTER VII.

Orders in relation to which the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, applies.

236a (Interpretation c. Chapter VII). In the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"Special Procedure Order" means a Statutory Order ;

"Special Procedure Act" means the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945 ;

"Special Procedure Petition" means a Petition under section 3 of the Special Procedure Act against a Special Procedure Order;

"the Chairman" means, subject to the next following Order, the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons;

"the Chairman" means, subject to the next following Order, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons;

"the Minister," in relation to any Special Procedure Order, means the Minister of the Crown responsible for laying the Order before Parliament ;

"applicant" in relation to any Special Procedure Order, means any person stated on the face of the Order to be a person on whose application the Order is made or confirmed;

"copy," in relation to any document, means a printed or typewritten copy.

236b (Deputy Chairmen). (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 80 (Deputy Speaker and Chairman) relative to Public Business, the Chairman may from time to time appoint any Member of the chairman’s panel as his deputy who shall be entitled to perform his functions under the Special Procedure Act, or under the Orders contained in this Chapter.

(2) Any reference in the said Orders to the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords shall be construed as including a reference to any Deputy Chairman of Committees appointed by the House of Lords.

236c (Laying of Orders). (1) On the day on which a Special Procedure Order is laid before this House under section 2 of the Special Procedure Act, the Minister shall cause a copy of the Order, and of the certificate or statement required by that section to be laid together with the Order, to be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office, and shall also cause copies of the Order and certificate or statement—

(a) to be deposited at the Vote Office for the use of Members; and

(b) to be made available to any person on application to the Minister and on payment;

Provided that the requirements of paragraph (b) of this Order need not be complied with as respects copies of the Special Procedure Order if it is a Statutory Instrument of which copies are required by section 2 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 1946, to be printed and sold.

(2) If on the face of any Order so laid there is stated the name and address of the person on whose application the Order is made or confirmed, that statement shall be included in all copies of the Order deposited or made available in accordance with the foregoing paragraphs.

236d (Presentation of Petitions). (1) Every Special Procedure Petition presented to this House shall be prepared and signed in strict conformity with the rules and orders of this House applicable to Petitions against Private Bills, and shall be presented by being deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office.
(2) There shall be indorsed on every Special Procedure Petition so presented—
(a) the title (as entered in the Votes) of the Special Procedure Order against which it is presented;
(b) a statement that it is presented as a Petition for amendment or a Petition of general objection, as the case may be; and
(c) the name and address of the Member, Party or Agent depositing it.
(3) The Petitioner shall cause—
(a) a copy of the Petition to be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, and another copy at the office of the Minister not later than the day following that on which the Petition was presented; and
(b) a copy of the Petition to be delivered, or despatched by registered post, to the applicant (if any) or to each applicant (if more than one) at his address as specified on the face of the Order not later than the day aforesaid; and
(c) copies of the Petition to be made available not later than three days from the day on which the Petition was presented, to any person on application to the Petitioner or his Agent at the address indorsed on the Petition, and on payment.
236F. (Memorials objecting to Petitions.) (1) Within the period of seven days beginning with the day on which a Special Procedure Petition is presented to this House, the Minister or any applicant may present to this House a Memorial objecting to the Petition being certified as proper to be received, or, if it is presented as a Petition for amendment, objecting that it is a Petition of general objection, and stating specifically in either case the grounds of the objection.
(2) Every such Memorial shall be presented to this House by depositing it in the Committee and Private Bill Office.
(3) On the day on which a Memorial is so presented, the Memorialist shall cause—
(a) a copy thereof to be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments; and
(b) another copy to be delivered or despatched by registered post, to the Petitioner or his Agent at the address indorsed on the Special Procedure Petition.
236G. (Reference of Petition to Joint Committee.) (1) Where under subsection (5) of section 3 of the Special Procedure Act the Chairmen have reported that any Special Procedure Petition has been presented to this House and has been certified under section 4 of the Special Procedure Act any Special Procedure Petition stands referred, or has been referred by order of either House, to a Joint Committee—
(a) the Committee of this House shall consist of three members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection;
(b) the Petitioner shall be entitled to be heard by himself, his Counsel or Agent, and to tender evidence in support of the Petition;
(c) the Minister shall be entitled to be heard by himself, his Counsel or Agent, and to tender evidence against the Petition;
(d) the minutes of the evidence taken before the Committee shall be reported to the House:
Provided that the Minister may give notice in accordance with the following paragraph that he desires that the rights conferred on him by sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph shall be exercised by any applicant specified in the notice, and thereupon the said sub-paragraph shall have effect as if that applicant were substituted for the Minister.
(2) Any such notice shall be delivered, or despatched by registered post, to the Petitioner or his Agent at the address indorsed on the Special Procedure Petition and to the applicant specified in the notice at his address as specified on the face of the Special Procedure Order, within three days after the report of the Chairmen is laid before this House under subsection (5) of section 3 of the Special Procedure Act, and copies thereof shall be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office and in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments within the said three days.
236H. (Counter-Petitions.) (1) Where under subsection (5) of section 3 of the Special Procedure Act the Chairmen have reported that any Special Procedure Petition has been presented to this House and has been certified as a Petition for amendment and as proper to be received, a Petition (hereinafter referred to as a "Counter-Petition") may, within the period of fourteen days, beginning with the date on which the report is laid before this House, be presented to this House complaining that an amendment prayed for by the Special Procedure Petition will affect the interest of the person presenting the Counter-Petition (hereinafter referred to as the "Counter-Petitioner"), and such Counter-Petition shall stand referred to the Joint Committee to whom the Special Procedure Petition stands referred, or has been referred by order of either House.
(2) Any Counter-Petition presented to this House shall be presented by being deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office.
(3) There shall be indorsed on every Counter-Petition so presented—
(a) the title (as entered in the Votes) of the Special Procedure Order to which it relates; and
(b) the name and address of the Member, Party or Agent depositing it; and
(c) the name of the Member, Party or Agent who presented the Special Procedure Petition to which it relates (hereinafter referred to as the "original Petitioner").
(4) Not later than the day following that on which the Counter-Petition was presented, the Counter-Petitioner shall:

(a) a copy thereof to be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments and another copy thereof to be deposited at the office of the Minister; and

(b) another copy thereof to be delivered, or despatched by registered post, to the original Petitioner at the address indorsed on the Special Procedure Petition; and

(c) if the Minister has given notice under the last foregoing Order that he desires that his rights shall be exercised by an applicant specified in the notice, another copy thereof to be delivered, or despatched by registered post, to that applicant at his address as specified on the face of the Special Procedure Order.

(5) If, on consideration of a Counter-Petition, the Joint Committee to whom the relevant Special Procedure Petition stands referred, or has been referred by order of either House, are satisfied that an amendment prayed for by the Special Procedure Petition may affect the interest of the Counter-Petitioners, the Committee may allow the Counter-Petitioner to be heard by himself, his Counsel or Agent, and to tender evidence against the Special Procedure Petition.

2361. (Withdrawal of Petitions and Memorials). With regard to the withdrawal of Petitions and Memorials presented to this House under the Orders contained in this Chapter, Standing Order 173 shall apply.

2361. (Orders of Local Government Boundary Commission.) In relation to any Special Procedure Order made by the Local Government Boundary Commission under the Local Government (Boundary Commission) Act, 1945, the foregoing Orders contained in this Chapter shall have effect subject to the following modifications:

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) of Order 236D the reference to the office of the Minister shall include a reference to the office of the Commission;

(b) in paragraph (1) of Order 236E a reference to the Commission shall be substituted for the reference to the Minister;

(c) in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of Order 236G a reference to the reference to the Minister shall be substituted for the reference to the Office of the Minister; and the proviso to that paragraph and paragraph (2) of that Order shall not apply;

(d) in sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (4) of Order 236I the reference to the office of the Minister shall include a reference to the office of the Commission.

236L. (Extension of time.) (1) If any period within which anything is required to be done under the Orders contained in this Chapter expires when Parliament is dissolved or prorogued, or when this House is adjourned for more than four days, it shall be extended so as to expire with the first day thereafter on which this House sits.

(2) In the case of a Special Procedure Petition presented to this House, paragraph (1) of this Order shall apply to the period of fourteen days allowed for the presentation thereof under subsection (1) of section 3 of the Special Procedure Act in like manner as it applies to a period mentioned in that paragraph.

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development of atomic energy and the control of such development, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums paid by way of grant or loan to any person engaged in the production or use of atomic energy or research into matters connected therewith;

(b) any sums required to defray expenses incurred by the Minister of Supply in the exercise of functions under the said Act; and

(c) any sums required by or under any provision of the said Act to be paid to any person by way of compensation or interest thereon.

—(Mr. Wilmot.)

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 Friday next.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Captain Stewart.)

And it being 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—

(Captain Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Wednesday, 6th October, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Ardrossan Gas 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.

Ordered, That the Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund, which were presented to this House on the 8th day of this instant October, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of an Order, dated 4th October 1946, entitled the Civil Engineering Materials (Cement) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946.

Orders for the payment out of moneys provided by the said Act, of compensation or of interest thereon, as aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by the said Act, of compensation or of interest thereon, as aforesaid.

—(Mr. Wilmot.)

Resolution to be reported.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to a Motion made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by the said Act, (a) any sums paid by way of grant or loan to any person engaged in the production or use of atomic energy or research into matters connected therewith;

(b) any sums required to defray expenses incurred by the Minister of Supply in the exercise of functions under the said Act; and

(c) any sums required by or under any provision of the said Act to be paid to any person by way of compensation or interest thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood, supported by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Secretary Ede, and Mr. Isaacs, presented a Bill to empower the Minister of National Insurance to give effect to arrangements for paying unemployment benefit to persons ordinarily resident in Eire who have served in His Majesty's forces; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented a Bill to grant money for the purpose of certain local loans out of the Local Loans Fund; to make provision as to the Public Works Loans Commissioners entering into undertakings to grant loans; and to repeal the provisions of section ninety-two of the Housing Act, 1936, and of section seventy-three of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925, as to the minimum rate of interest therein mentioned: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. James Griffiths, supported by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Secretary Ede, and Mr. Isaacs, presented a Bill to empower the Minister of National Insurance to give effect to arrangements for paying unemployment benefit to persons ordinarily resident in Eire who have served in His Majesty's forces; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting.
from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Whiteley);
The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmonds, Mr. Hanlon; Tellers for the Noes, Y. Druce, Commander Agnew:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Hill Farming Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee. A Clause (Hearings before revocation or variation of improvement schemes)—(Mr. Thomas Williams)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 12, by leaving out from the beginning to the end of line 15, and inserting the words "heath and upland grazings or mountain, hill, heath and upland land which by improvement could be made suitable for grazing purposes"—(Mr. Robert Hudson)—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 an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 12, by leaving out from the beginning to the end of line 15, and inserting the words "heath and upland grazings or mountain, hill, heath and upland land which by improvement could be made suitable for grazing purposes"—(Mr. Robert Hudson)—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. 4, l. 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that where the person responsible for doing the work is the tenant in occupation of the land on which the work is to be done and the work consists solely of one or more of the improvements comprised in Part II of the First Schedule to this Act every person having an interest in the said land shall be under obligation as aforesaid notwithstanding that he shall not have joined in submitting the scheme or consented to the approval or variation thereof."—(Mr. Baldwin.)

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. 6, l. 4, by inserting, after the word "or," the word "avoidably"—(Mr. Turton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "avoidably" 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. 8, l. 35, by leaving out from the word "regulations," to the word "and," in l. 38.—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

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The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply; 
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means; 
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roosevelt Second Reading of the Roosevelt Memorial Bill. 
Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Agriculture. 
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of February last, That this House approves the policy of His Majesty's Government for Agriculture; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Control of Engagement (No. 2) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946, No. 1279), dated 25th July 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 3rd day of July last, be annulled—(Sir John Mellor); 
The House divided. 
The Yeas to the Right; 
The Noes to the Left; 
Tellers for the yeas—(Sir John Mellor; 
Yeas, Major Boyd-Carpenter; 
Tellers for the noes—(Captain Stewart; 
Noes, Mr. Popplewell; 
So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Control of Engagement (No. 3) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946, No. 1417), dated 20th August 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 8th day of this instant October, be annulled—(Sir John Mellor):—It passed in the Negative. 
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. 
(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S .

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His John Elliott Majesty's Command,—Copy of a (Inquiry). 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of an agreement (No. 27, 1946). by His Majesty's Government in the United
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Memorial Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, for the Adjournment of the House on Estimates.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as amended, 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 give leave to the Lord Schuster to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee F appointed by the Select Committee appointed by this House on Estimates.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:—That, in the case of the Roosevelt Memorial Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with.—That the Bill be permitted to proceed. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley); And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Henderson); And it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th October 1946, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1946. Report as to the Expulsion, Registration, and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of July to the 30th day of September 1946. Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

(1) the Borough of Chard,
(2) the Urban District of Chepstow,
(3) the Urban District of East Grinstead,
(4) the Borough of Redcar,
(5) the City of Salford, and
(6) the County Borough of South Shields.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th October 1946, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1946. Report as to the Expulsion, Registration, and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of July to the 30th day of September 1946. Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Appropriations directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treaty Series Signed at Ankara on the 12th day of February 1946 (Ratifications exchanged at Ankara on the 21st day of June 1946). Treaty Series Signed at London on the 8th day of August 1945. Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Turkish Republic for Air Services between the United Kingdom and Turkey (with annex and notes exchanged), signed at Ankara on the 21st day of February 1946 (Ratifications exchanged at Ankara on the 21st day of June 1946).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th October 1946, entitled the Poisons List (Amendment) Order, 1946.

Copy of Rules, dated 7th October 1946, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th June 1946, entitled the Luton Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1946, together with a Certificate by the Minister of Health under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Copy of an Order, dated 6th October 1946, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Adjournment.
Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of a Court of Inquiry set up to inquire whether there are any causes of industrial unrest amongst the workers concerned likely to affect the future smooth and efficient running of Smithfield Market.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th October 1946, entitled the Control of Fuel (Restriction of Heating) Order, 1946.

Copy of a Direction, dated 10th October 1946, entitled the Control of Fuel (No. 3) Order, 1942, General Direction (Central Heating and Hot Water Plants) No. 6.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th October 1946, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 8th October, 1946—
(1) amending the Rationing (Personal Points) Order, 1946, and
(2) amending the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That His Majesty, being informed of the subject matter of a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Shinwell, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of a Message, addressed to the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, to the consideration of the House: Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Resolution be communicated to the Lords; and that the Clerk do communicate the same and desire their concurrence.

The Roosevelt Memorial Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated to the Lords; and that the Clerk do communicate the same and desire their concurrence.

The Prime Minister, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to the Roosevelt Memorial [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee on the Atomic Energy Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the development of atomic energy and the control of such development, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses incurred by the Minister of Works in—

(a) erecting and maintaining the said statue and laying out and maintaining the said Square as a garden; and
(b) paying compensation in respect of the extinguishment of rights to use and enjoy the said Square, save in so far as those expenses are defrayed out of any fund raised under the auspices of the Pilgrims Society.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Atomic Energy [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the development of atomic energy and the control of such development, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums paid by way of grant or loan to any person engaged in the production or use of atomic energy or research into matters connected therewith;
(b) any sums required to defray expenses incurred by the Minister of Supply in the exercise of functions under the said Act; and
(c) any sums required by or under any provision of the said Act to be paid to any person by way of compensation or interest thereon.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Atomic Energy into a Committee on the Atomic Energy Bill, Energy Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.
Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 3 to 5 agreed to.
Clause No. 6 (Power to do work for purpose of discovering minerals).
An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that, if any such objection is duly made by a person carrying on a statutory undertaking on the ground that the exercise of powers under subsection (1) of this section may interfere with the proper carrying on of the statutory undertaking and such objection is not withdrawn, the Minister shall, in the exercise of such powers, carry out the work specified in the notice referred to in subsection (2) of this section in such manner as may be agreed between the Minister and the person carrying on the statutory undertaking or, in default of such agreement, in such manner as may be determined by a person appointed by the Minister and the appropriate Minister."—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 7 and 8 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 9 (Compulsory acquisition of rights under contract).
An Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 25, to leave out the word "Minister," and insert the words "Lord Chancellor."—(Mr. Mikardo.)
Question, That the word "Minister," stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 10 (Control of production and use of atomic energy).
An Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, I. 8, after the word "shall," to insert the words "in consultation with the Lord President of the Council."—(Mr. Law.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words "such numbers and of such persons and bodies to whom licences have been issued under subsection (1) of this section and the number and character of such licences."—(Mr. Mikardo.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 11 (Restriction on disclosure of information relating to plant).
Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 31, after the word "operation," to insert the words "(other than the fundamental physical or chemical processes on which the operation is based)."—(Major Vernon.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Other Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 12 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 13 agreed to.
Clause No. 14 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 15 and 16 agreed to.
Clause No. 17 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 18 (Definitions).
Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 37, at the end, to insert the words "nor processes which cannot involve the production of an ounce of fissionable material and do not operate at energies exceeding one hundred watts."—(Major Vernon.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 19 agreed to.
Clause No. 20 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 21 agreed to.
A Clause (General Advisory Council)—(Mr. Blackburn)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.
First and Second Schedules agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration.
The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of Preston, a copy of which Order was presented on the 9th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the City of Lancaster, a copy of which Order was presented on the 9th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Tonbridge, a copy of which Order was presented on the 9th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Stewart); 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. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Portugal for Air Services between British and Portuguese Territories (with annex and notes exchanged), signed at Lisbon on the 6th day of December 1945 (Ratifications exchanged at London on the 16th day of August 1946).

Ordered; That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Perth and Kinross Joint Superannuation 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. Secretary Beelenger presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Railway Assessment Authority under the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1930 and of the Eleventh Annual Report of the Proceedings of the said Authority under the said Act, as adapted and modified in its application to the London Passenger Transport Board (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of a Scheme made by the Minister of Health, dated 24th September 1946 and entitled the Ilford Borough Council (London Transport Employees) Superannuation Scheme, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 8th October 1946, entitled—

1. (a) The contractor shall pay rates of wages and observe hours and conditions of labour not less favourable than those established for the trade or industry in the district where the work is carried out by machinery of negotiation or arbitration to which the parties or organisations of employers and trade unions representative respectively of substantial proportions of the employers and workers engaged in the trade or industry in the district.

(b) In the absence of any rates of wages, hours or conditions of labour so established the contractor shall pay rates of wages and observe hours and conditions of labour which are not less favourable than the general level of wages, hours and conditions observed by other employers whose general circumstances in the trade or industry in which the contractor is engaged are similar.

2. The contractor shall in respect of all persons employed by him (whether in execution of the contract or otherwise) in every factory workshop or place occupied or used by him for the execution of the contract comply with the general conditions required by this Resolution. Before a contractor is placed upon a department's list of firms to be invited to tender, the department shall obtain from him an assurance that to the best of his knowledge and belief he has complied with the general conditions required by this Resolution for at least the previous three months.

3. In the event of any question arising as to whether the requirements of this Resolution are being observed, the question shall, if not otherwise disposed of, be referred by the
Minister of Labour and National Service to an independent tribunal for decision.

4. The contractor shall recognise the freedom of his workpeople to be members of Trade Unions.

5. The contractor shall at all times during the continuance of a contract display, for the information of his workpeople, in every factory, workshop or place occupied or used by him for the execution of the contract a copy of this Resolution.

6. The contractor shall be responsible for the observance of this Resolution by sub-contractors employed in the execution of the contract, and shall if required notify the department of the names and addresses of all such sub-contractors—(Mr. Issacs); An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 46, by leaving out the words "Trade Unions," and inserting the words "any Trade Union"—(Mr. Henry Strauss)—instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That the words "Trade Unions," stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the: Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Coldrick;

Tellers for the: Commander Agnew, Major Conant;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 46, by inserting at the end thereof, the words "and he shall not do anything that may interfere either directly or indirectly with the exercise of that right"—(Mr. Mikardo);

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put: Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the Fair Wages Clauses in Government Contracts should be so amended as to provide as follows:

1. (a) The contractor shall pay rates of wages and observe hours and conditions of labour not less favourable than those established for the trade or industry in the district where the work is carried out by machinery of negotiation or arbitration to which the parties are organisations of employers and trade unions representative respectively of substantial proportions of the employers and workers engaged in the trade or industry in the district.

(b) In the absence of any rates of wages, hours or conditions of labour so established the contractor shall pay rates of wages and observe hours and conditions of labour which are not less favourable than the general level of wages, hours and conditions observed by other employers whose general circumstances in the trade or industry in which the contractor is engaged are similar.

2. The contractor shall in respect of all persons employed by him (whether in execution of the contract or otherwise) in every factory, workshop or place occupied or used by him for the execution of the contract comply with the general conditions required by this Resolution.

Before a contractor is placed upon a department's list of firms to be invited to tender, the department shall obtain from him an assurance that to the best of his knowledge and belief he has complied with the general conditions required by this Resolution for at least the previous three months.

3. In the event of any question arising as to whether the requirements of this Resolution are being observed, the question shall, if not otherwise disposed of, be referred by the Minister of Labour and National Service to an independent tribunal for decision.

4. The contractor shall recognise the freedom of his workpeople to be members of Trade Unions.

5. The contractor shall at all times during the continuance of a contract display, for the information of his workpeople, in every factory, workshop or place occupied or used by him for the execution of the contract a copy of this Resolution.

6. The contractor shall be responsible for the observance of this Resolution by sub-contractors employed in the execution of the contract, and shall if required notify the department of the names and addresses of all such sub-contractors—(Mr. Issacs); An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 46, by inserting at the end thereof, the words "and he shall not do anything that may interfere either directly or indirectly with the exercise of that right"—(Mr. Henry Strauss)—instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That the words "Trade Unions," stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

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And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put: Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the Fair Wages Clauses in Government Contracts should be so amended as to provide as follows:

1. (a) The contractor shall pay rates of wages and observe hours and conditions of labour not less favourable than those established for the trade or industry in the district where the work is carried out by machinery of negotiation or arbitration to which the parties are organisations of employers and trade unions representative respectively of substantial proportions of the employers and workers engaged in the trade or industry in the district.

(b) In the absence of any rates of wages, hours or conditions of labour so established the contractor shall pay rates of wages and observe hours and conditions of labour which are not less favourable than the general level of wages, hours and conditions observed by other employers whose general circumstances in the trade or industry in which the contractor is engaged are similar.

2. The contractor shall in respect of all persons employed by him (whether in execution of the contract or otherwise) in every factory, workshop or place occupied or used by him for the execution of the contract comply with the general conditions required by this Resolution.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor);

And it being half an hour after the conclusion of the Business excepted 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 made upon the 16th day of August 1945, it being then three minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Cable and Wireless Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords be read; and the same being read; the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That Petitions against the Bill may be printed.

Mr. Barnes, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Glendower Hall and Mr. George Strauss, presented a Bill to revoke certain emergency provision as to licences to drive motor vehicles, and make provision with respect to the grant of such licences to persons who have held such licences under the emergency provision; and to amend the law as to the destination of fees in respect of driving tests: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House was moved, That the Resolution of the House of the 11th day of this instant October relative to the Roosevelt Memorial Bill, which Resolution was ordered to be communicated to the Lords, and the Lords Message of the 14th day of this instant October signifying their concurrence in the said Resolution might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Six Members to be joined with a Committee to be appointed by the Lords:—And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Eden, Mr. Hicks, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Montague, Mr. Hopkins Morris and Mr. Lyttelton.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill be printed.

Ordered, That Petitions against the Bill may be deposited in the Committee and Privy Council Bill Office, provided that such Petitions shall
have been prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of this House relating to Petitions against Private Bills. Ordered, That Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the Bill, and Counsel or Agents be heard in support of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them with such of the said Orders as are necessary to be communicated to their Lordships, and to request them to appoint an equal number of Lords to join with the Committee appointed by this House: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Coinage Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, Tha That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Coinage [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 empower the Minister of National Insurance to give effect to arrangements for paying unemployment benefit to persons ordinarily resident in Eire who have served in His Majesty's forces, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935, and the National Insurance Act, 1946.—(Mr. James Griffiths.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Charles MacAndrew reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, Cinematograph Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Redcar, a copy of which Order was presented on the 11th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, Cinematograph Entertainments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of South Shields, a copy of which Order was presented on the 11th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, Cinematograph Entertainments Act, 1932, to the City of Salford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 11th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Collindridge.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Seven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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Wednesday, 16th October, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Declaration by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom accepting the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in all legal disputes concerning the interpretation, application or validity of any Treaty relating to the boundaries of British Honduras, made at London on the 13th day of February 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Scottish Housing Advisory Committee on Housing Management in Scotland.

Copy of a Report of a Committee on Legal Aid and Legal Advice in Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th October 1946, entitled the Control of Penicillin (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Ardrossan Gas Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Six Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Roosevelt Memorial Bill pursuant to the Commons Message of yesterday; and they propose that the Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room A on Friday the 25th day of this instant October at half an hour after Eleven of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords Message as relates to the place and time of meeting of the Joint Committee on the Roosevelt Memorial Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley);

And it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 198.]

Thursday, 17th October, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of a Committee on Legal Aid and Legal Advice in Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—

(1) Caterham and Warlingham Urban District Council.
(2) Llanelli Town Council.

Copy of the Registrar-General's Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1942 (New Annual Series No. 22), Tables, Part 1, Medical.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Account of His Majesty's High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland in respect of the functions transferred under the Northern Ireland Land Purchase (Winding Up) Act, 1935, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Norwich) Bill, with an Amendment:—to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to modify the requirements of the enactments relating to public notaries with respect to the War Service of Artificers and to war service; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Norwich) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Public Notaries (War Service of Articled Clerks) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the County Councils Association (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 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 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.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Police (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution which was read, as follows:—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the amalgamation of police forces in Scotland, to provide for the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of grants towards police expenditure in Scotland and to amend the law relating to the provision of buildings and acquisition of land in Scotland for police purposes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament towards the expenses of police authorities or joint police committees constituted under the said Act of such sums at such times in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State may with the approval of the Treasury determine.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Police (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Voluntary schemes for amalgamation of police forces).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words—

"(c) the period of office of members of the joint police committee and the filling of casual vacancies therein."

—(Mr. James Reid.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words—

"(f) the submission on the first day of April annually to the constituent authorities by the joint police committee of an estimate of all its proposed expenditure for the financial year beginning in the following May and the submission of supplementary estimates as and when necessary, and in the event of any of the constituent authorities refusing to give its sanction to the said proposed expenditure, the reference of the matter to the Secretary of State for his decision, which would be final and binding on all parties."

—(Sir Basil Nevan-Spence.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 8 and 9 agreed to.

Clauses No. 11 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 12 and 13 agreed to.

A Clause (Compensation of officers prejudicially affected)—(Mr. Thomas Fraser)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Exchequer grants towards police expenses)—(Mr. Thomas Fraser)—brought up, and read the first and second time; amended, in line 4, by inserting, after the word "Treasury," the words "by order," and by adding, at the end, the words—

"(2) Any order made by the Secretary of State under this section shall be laid before Parliament immediately after it is made; and if either House of Parliament, within the period of forty days beginning with the day on which any such order as aforesaid is laid before it, resolves that the order be annulled, it shall thereupon become void, but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder or to the making of a new 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."—(Mr. James Reid)—and, as amended, added.

First Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Third Schedule agreed to.

Fourth Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. William Watson reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto. 

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time; and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Chard, a copy of which Order was presented on the 11th day of this instant October, be approved—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of East Grinstead, a copy of which Order was presented on the 11th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Cheshunt, a copy of which Order was presented on the 11th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Henderson); and it being Ten 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. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Norwich) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1946, entitled the Currency Restrictions and Travellers Exemptions Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the Shops (Provisional Order) (Norwich) Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement concerning the establishment of an European Central Inland Transport Organisation, signed at London on the 27th day of September 1945 (with annex and protocol).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Southport and District Water Board and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937. 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Coinage (Money), a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for a coinage other than silver to be legal tender for payments up to forty shillings, and to confer further powers as to the purchase of metal for coinage, it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be necessary for the purchase of any metal required for supplies of coins for the public service, and the payment into the Exchequer of sums received for coin produced from metal so purchased.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Coinage Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Cupro-nickel coins to be legal tender for payments up to forty shillings).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the word "cupro-nickel," and insert the word "nickel."—(Mr. Peake.)

Question put, That the word "cupro-nickel," stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Collindridge; Mr. Popplewell:

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Major Comant; Major Ramsey:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the word "forty," and insert the word "sixty."—(Mr. Charles Williams.)

Question, That the word "forty" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Finess of Maundy silver coin).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 33, to leave out the word "thirty-seven," and insert the word "thirty-eight."—(Mr. Charles Williams.)

Question proposed, That the word "thirty-seven," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Further powers as to purchase of metal for coinage).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 42, to leave out from the word "include," to the word "a."—(Mr. Charles Williams.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.

Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Frank Anderson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill into consideration.

(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.

Mr. Joseph Henderson reported, from the Committee on Unemployment Insurance (Eire Volunteers) [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to empower the Minister of National Insurance to give effect to arrangements for paying unemployment benefit to persons ordinarily resident in Eire who have served in His Majesty's forces, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935 and the National Insurance Act, 1946. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Unemployment Insurance (Eire Volunteers) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—Mr. Joseph Henderson; 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. Bing.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 200.]

Monday, 21st October, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th October 1946, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 5) Order, 1946.

Copy of Directions, dated 16th October 1946, entitled the Domestic Furniture (Utility Mark) (No. 4) Directions, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th October 1946, entitled the Furniture (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 6) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Scarborough Town 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. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th July 1946, amending the Food Standards (Preserves) Order, 1944.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th October 1946, entitled the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the Coal Industry, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th October 1946, entitled—

(1) the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Vesting of Easements, &c.) Regulations, 1946, and
(2) the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Fees for Inspection and Copies of Plans) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Motion being made, That during the Deputy Chairman's absence the Deputy Chairman, including his powers as Deputy Speaker—(The Prime Minister); The Prime Minister, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that His Majesty having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion empowering a Member of the Panel of Temporary Chairmen to act as Speaker gives His Consent thereto.

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That during the absence of the Deputy Chairman owing to illness, Sir Robert Young, Member for the County of Lancaster (Newton Division), shall be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the Deputy Chairman, including his powers as Deputy Speaker—(The Prime Minister).

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment.

proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. Whiteley);

And it being Ten 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—

(Captain Stewart);

And it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 201.]

Tuesday, 22nd October, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th October 1946, entitled the Local Elections (Supplementary Provisions) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th October 1946, entitled the National Health Insurance (Dundee Burgh Boundaries) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 16th October 1946, entitled—

1. the Bricks (Range of Prices) (No. 1) (Third Amendment) Order, 1946, and
2. the Bricks (Range of Prices) (No. 2) (Second Amendment) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Additional Import Duties (No. 3) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1637), a copy of which was presented on the 15th day of this instant October, 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; and be printed.

Orders, 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 Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That This House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley);

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Collindridge.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 202.]

Wednesday, 23rd October, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper containing a Summary of Government Action in Wales and Monmouthshire, from the 1st day of August 1945 to the 31st day of July 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 16th October 1946, entitled—

1. the Laundry (Maximum Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1946, and
2. the Rubber Footwear (Maximum Prices) (No. 3) Order, 1946.

Copy of a Direction, dated 16th October 1946, entitled the Control of the Cotton Industry (Adjustment of Single Yarn Prices) Direction (No. 4), 1946.

Copies of Orders, dated 16th October 1946, entitled—

1. the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 68) Order, 1946,
2. the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 69) Order, 1946,
3. the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 70) Order, 1946,
4. the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 71) Order, 1946,
5. the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 72) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Banbury Corporation Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow Corporation Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Aberdeen Harbour Corporation Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill (Lords), Act 1936 relating to Aberdeen Harbour; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Aberdeen Harbour Order Confirmation Aberdeen 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being submitted, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley);

And it being Ten 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.

(Captain Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Thursday, 24th October, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. G. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Orders, entitled—
(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (South Africa) Order, 1946, and
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (South Africa) Order, 1946.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. G. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—
(1) the City of Canterbury,
(2) the County Borough of Middlesbrough, and
(3) the Borough of Wisbech.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—
(1) the City of Canterbury,
(2) the County Borough of Middlesbrough, and
(3) the Borough of Wisbech.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Eighth Report of the Cinematograph Films Council (relating to the year ended the 31st day of March 1946).

Copy of an Order, dated 21st October 1946, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Northern Ireland) (No. 3) Order, 1946.
Copy of a General Licence, dated 21st October 1946, in respect of the supply of certain boots.

Copy of Directions, dated 21st October 1946, entitled the Domestic Furniture (Utility Mark) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Directions 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st October 1946, entitled the Furniture (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (Northern Ireland) (No. 3) Order, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Maidstone Rural District Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Steachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th October 1946, amending the Preserves Order, 1944.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Education (Scotland) Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Police (Scotland) Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

Resolved, That this House approves the Forestry policy of His Majesty’s Government for Forestry as announced by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the 30th day of November, 1945.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Friday, 25th October, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 21st October 1946, entitled the Fur Apparel (No. 10) Directions, 1946.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports be laid before this House.—(Mr. Naylor.)

Mr. Montague reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Captain Snow.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year ending 31st March 1947, which was presented on the 5th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. John Dugdale.)

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1481), dated 4th September 1946, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 8th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties (No. 3) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1637), dated 12th October 1946, made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which Order was presented on the 15th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of Great Yarmouth, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Daventry, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Stewart);

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, without a Question being put.—(Mr. Bing.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Order, 1946, amending the Feeding Stuffs (Regulation of Manufacture) Order, 1944, for the Adjournment of the House,lapsed, without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the White Paper on Wales and Monmouthshire and takes note of the Government's proposal further to integrate and co-ordinate Government and Administrative machinery in Wales and Monmouthshire.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Pearson); and it being Ten 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. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 206.]

Tuesday, 29th October, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, Statutory pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Luton Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Order Publications and Debates Reports, of the House of the 25th day of this instant October, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports.

Ordered, That the said Minutes be printed.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Wales and publication of the White Paper on Wales and Monmouthshire and takes note of the Government's proposal further to integrate and co-ordinate Government and Administrative machinery in Wales and Monmouthshire.—(The Prime Minister.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Glasgow Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Glencvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 28th October 1946, entitled the Potatoes (1946 Crop) (Charges) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 30th September 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 30th September 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of Orders, dated 28th October 1946—

(1) entitled the Canned Fruit and Vegetables (No. 2) Order, 1946,

(2) amending the Meat Products, Canned Soup and Canned Meat (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946,

(3) entitled the Egg Products (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946, and

(4) amending the Feeding Stuffs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., have leave to make a Special Report.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir 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 Drafts of the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (South Africa) Order, 1946, and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (South Africa) Order, 1946, copies of which were presented on the 24th day of this instant October, 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; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, having regard to the increasing public concern at the growth of monopolistic tendencies in the control of the Press and with the object of furthering the free expression of opinion through the Press and the greatest practicable accuracy in the presentation of news, this House considers that a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into the finance, control, management and ownership of the Press—(Mr. Haydn Davies);—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Foot;—

Mr. Faulding, Mr. Walker-Smith;—

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That, having regard to the increasing public concern at the growth of monopolistic tendencies in the control of the Press and with the object of furthering the free expression of opinion through the Press and the greatest practicable accuracy in the presentation of news, this House considers that a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into the finance, control, management and ownership of the Press.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Stewart);

And, it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 30th October, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glencvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Supreme directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court in respect of the Funds of Suitors of the Court in the year ended the 28th day of February 1946—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.
Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order, entitled the Metropolitan Police Staffs (Allocation of Superannuation Benefits) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments, dated 13th August 1946, to the Council of State Electoral Rules.

Copy of an Amendment, dated 22nd October 1946, to the Reserved Posts (Indian Police) Rules, 1938.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Ninetieth Annual Report of the Registrar-General for Scotland, 1944.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th October 1946, entitled the Trinity House (Establishment) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary of State for the Home Department presented a copy of which Order was presented on the 8th of this instant October, be approved.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Pakenham, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other grants for Officers, Soldiers and Nurses disabled, and for the Widows and Children of Officers and Soldiers deceased, in consequence of Service during the 1914 World War.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 26th October 1946,—

(1) amending the Tomatoes Order, 1946,
(2) amending the Plums Order, 1946,
(3) entitled the Cooked Beetroot Order, 1946, and
(4) amending the Meat (Rationing) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wimot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th October 1946, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 54) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Hill Farming Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put,

Ordered, That this House approves the proposals in Command Paper No. 6923 for the Central Organisation for Defence.—(The Prime Minister) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Command Paper No. 6923 for the Central Organisation for Defence.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the City of Canterbury, a copy of which Order was presented on the 24th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Wisbech, a copy of which Order was presented on the 24th day of this instant October, be approved. —(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of Middlesbrough, a copy of which Order was presented on the 24th day of this instant October, be approved. —(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the City of Canterbury, a copy of which Order was presented on the 24th day of this instant October, be approved. —(Mr. Oliver.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put,

Ordered, That the Order, dated 5th September 1946, amending the Feeding Stuffs (Rationing) Order, 1943, and giving Directions thereunder (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1490), a copy of which amending Order was presented on the 8th day of this instant October, be annulled.—(Mr. Eccles) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to put the Question present by Mr. Drewe, Tellers for the Yeas, Tellers for the Noes, Commander Agnew.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Question be now put ;

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The Noes to the Left.

Mr. Pearson, Mr. Oliver.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Simmons,
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewe, Commander Agnew.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Question be now put ;

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

The Lords, 207.

S. O. (Closure Pursuant to S. O.)
Order was presented on the 8th day of this instant October, be annulled; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Mr. Eccles, 74. Yeas, Mr. Turton: Tellers for the Mr. Pearson, 208. Noes, Mr. Simmons: So it passed in the Negative. 

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 208.]

Thursday, 31st October, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Royal Commission on Equal Pay, 1944–1946. Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the One Hundred and Seventh Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Washington on the 23rd day of April 1946, to prolong the International Sanitary Convention, 1944, modifying the International Sanitary Convention of the 21st day of June 1926. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1946, entitled the Clyde Navigation Trustees (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th October 1946, entitled the Traffic Commissioners (Reduction of Numbers) (Revocation) Order, 1946. Copies of Orders in Council, dated 29th October 1945,—

(1) revoking paragraph (2a) of Regulation 3c of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, and

(2) amending Regulation 72 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th October 1946, entitled the Utility Bedding (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1946. Copy of a General Licence, dated 26th October 1946, in respect of the supply of rationed goods manufactured from plastic material.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of a Scheme for authorising the taking down of the consecrated Church of the Holy Trinity, Portsea, in the County of Southampton and in the Diocese of Portsmouth, and the disposal of the site and materials for secular purposes.

Sir Robert Young reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix: And the Report was brought up, and read:—Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:—The Lords have agreed to the National Health Service Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The Lords have agreed to the Unemployment Insurance (Eire Volunteers) Bill, without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Unemployment Insurance (Eire Volunteers) Bill, without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the National Health Service Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The Lords have agreed to the Atomic Energy Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Health Service Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Atomic Energy Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Westwood, supported by Mr. National Health Service Bill. Arthur Greenwood, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Buchan and Mr. Thomas Fraser, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive health service for Scotland, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Roosevelt Memorial Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 9 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the proposals in Command Paper No. 6923 for the Central Organisation for Defence;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—Resolved, That this House approves the proposals in Command Paper No. 6923 for the Central Organisation for Defence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put:—That the Control of the Cotton Industry (Adjustment of Single Yarn Prices) Direction (No. 4), 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1678), dated 16th October 1946, a copy which was presented on the 23rd day of this instant October, be annulled—(Mr. Erroll);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Satchells; Mr. Captain Stewart. 64.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell. 169.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put:—That the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 68) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1679), a copy of which was presented on the 23rd day of this instant October, be annulled—(Mr. Erroll);

The House proceeded to a Division; but no Members being willing to act as Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

Resolved, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament Writ. for the Borough of Bermondsey (Rotterhithe Division) in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Ben Smith, K.B.E., who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Mr. Whitley.)

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 Paddington (North Division) in the room of Lieutenant-General Sir Frank Noel Mason-Macarlane, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to shops the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Regulation, of an Order made by the Council of the Borough of Coine and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol, (No. 42, 1946), signed at Washington on the 23rd day of April 1946, to prolong the International Sanitary Convention for Aerial Navigation, 1944, modifying the International Sanitary Convention for Aerial Navigation of the 12th day of April 1933.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 28th October 1946, entitled the Knitted Goods (Amendment) Directions, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the Road Traffic directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of and Vehicles. Provisional Regulations, dated 1st November 1946, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Supreme Court of Judicature (Circuit Officers) [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

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Cotton Industry).
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Circuit Officers) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Notaries (War Service of Articled Clerks) Bill [Lords].

(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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Southern Rhodesia) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 8th day of October last.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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 adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Simons);

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. Bing.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Control of Employment in Agriculture) Order, 1946; entitled the Control of Employment (Agriculture) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Eighty-Sixth Report of His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Police Constable, entitled the Control of Employment (Scotland) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, entitled the Rules Procedure (Air Force) (Amendment) Rules, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
**Adjudgment Motions under Standing Order (Motion for Adjournment on Matter of Urgent Public Importance).**

Ordered, 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 importance, and the result of any Division taken thereon, during the Session of 1945-46.—(Sir Robert Young.)

**Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 28).**

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting application of the Standing Order (Closure of Debate) during the Session of 1945-46 (1). In the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:

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and (Sir Robert Young.)

**Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food).**

Mr. Stracey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Orders, dated 28th October 1946—

(1) amending the Dredge Corn (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1945, and the Dredge Corn (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1945;

(2) amending the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1945, and the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1945; and

(3) entitled the Unions Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1946, entitled the P.V.C. Sheetings (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

**Railways (Valuation for Rating) (Scotland).**

Copy of the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Anglo-Scottish Railways Assessment Authority under the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1930 (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

**Local Government Superannuation.**

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Carlton Urban District Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

**Goods and Services (Price Control).**

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of 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 1945-46.

Of all the Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in the Session of 1945-46 have been reported on by Committees on Opposed Private Bills or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the names of the selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last day of the sitting of each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each selected Member has served; the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved; and, in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed:

Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in the Session of 1945-46 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 each 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.—(Sir Robert Young.)

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 1945-46; 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.—(Sir Robert Young.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this Public House, a Return of the number of Public Petitions presented and printed in the Session of 1945-46, with the total number of signatures in that Session.—(Sir Robert Young.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this Select House, a Return of the number of Select Committees appointed in the Session of 1945-46, 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 in such Select
Committee; also the total number of Members
who served on Select Committees.—(Sir Robert
Young.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House,
a Return of (1) the days on which the House
sat in the Session of 1945-46, stating for each
day the date of the month and day of the
week, the hour of the meeting, and the hour
of the 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.—(Sir
Robert Young.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this
House, a Return for the Session of 1945-46 of
(1) the total number and the names of all members
(including and distinguishing Chair-
men) who have been appointed to serve on
one or more of the 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.—(Sir
Robert Young.)

The Prime Minister, at the Bar, acquainted
the House, That he had a Message from his
Majesty to this House, signed by His Majesty’s
own hand, and he presented the same to the
House; and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all
the Members of the House being uncovered),
and as follows:—

The present Parliament Chamber not being
convenient for the purpose of opening Parlia-
ment, His Majesty intends to open the next
session of Parliament in the Chamber now
assigned to the House of Commons as their
place of sitting and not in the present Parlia-
ment Chamber; and it is His Majesty’s
pleasure that on the day to which Parliament
shall stand prorogued the Lords Spiritual and
Temporal shall meet in the Chamber now
assigned to the House of Commons as their
place of sitting and that the House of Commons
shall then meet in St. Stephen’s Hall. And it
is His Majesty’s further pleasure, that, as
soon as conveniently may be after he has
delivered his Speech to both Houses of
Parliament, the Chamber at present assigned
to the House of Commons as their place of
sitting shall be again made ready for their
occupation.

GEORGE R.I.
The Lords Amendment in p. 26, 1. 16, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 75, 1. 35, at end, insert ("...the amount payable under the contract for his maintenance in the hospital and the allowance shall either be paid to him or for his benefit as the members of the managing committee may direct,"); the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Special Entry, Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Bill:

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Bevan, Mr. Eric Fletcher, Mr. Hare, Mr. Hastings and Mr. James Reid.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Bevan.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Atomic Energy Bill, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Atomic Energy Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Electric Power Special Order, 1946, dated 29th July 1946, made by the Electricity Commissioners and confirmed by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

Resolved, That the Margate, Broadstairs and District Electricity Special Order, 1946, dated 17th August 1946, made by the Electricity Commissioners and confirmed by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, a copy of which Order was presented on the 8th day of October last, be approved.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

Resolved, That the Lancashire Electric Power Electricity Special Order, 1946, dated 30th July 1946, made by the Electricity Commissioners and confirmed by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Gas Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Orders, Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Orders), 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Colchester Gas Company, which was presented on the 8th day of October last, and published, be approved.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)
Mr. Bevin, reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the National Health Service Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follow:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 18, l. 44, for the following Reason:—

Because it is inexpedient that all the services provided under Part III of the Bill in any area should be the responsibility of a single local authority, and the appropriate authority, in the County of London as in other counties, is the county council.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 26, l. 16, for the following Reason:—

Because it is inexpedient that the method of remunerating the doctors providing general medical services should be laid down in the statute.

The said Reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 211.]

Tuesday, 5th November, 1946.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 1st day of this instant November relative to Double Taxation Relief had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order, 1946: the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (Canada) Order, 1946: and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Southern Rhodesia) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the respective Drafts laid before Parliament.

will comply with your request.

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of a Committee on the Pensionability of Unestablished Civil Service.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Supreme Court the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Governor of Northern Ireland in Council, dated 28th October 1946 and entitled the Northern Ireland Winter Assize Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Treaty, signed at Ottawa on the 14th day of April 1944 between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of China concerning the relinquishment of Extra-territorial Rights and the regulation of related matters (with notes exchanged) (Ratifications exchanged at Chungking on the 3rd day of April 1945).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Summary of the new Health Service, as proposed in the National Health Service (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th October 1946, approving an Admiralty Memorial praying sanction to the retention of Instructor Captain William Isaac Saxton on the Active List while acting as Director of Education Department, Admiralty.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 29th October 1946, entitled—

(1) the General Apparel, Furnishings and Textiles (Wholesalers' and Retailers' Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1946, and

(2) the Women's and Maids' Outerwear (Price Control Mark and Manufacturers' Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th October 1946, entitled the Essential Work (Merchant Navy) Orders (Revalidation) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Estimates. Estimates have leave to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committees A, B, C, D and F, and not hitherto reported.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Civil Service Command,—Copy of a Report of a Committee (Pensions).
Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House ; together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee F : And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House : And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had directed him to report the Evidence taken by Sub-Committee A on the 8th and 29th days of May last ; by Sub-Committee B on the 27th day of March last, the 3rd and 10th days of April last, and the 13th and 22nd days of May last ; and by Sub-Committee D on the 3rd and 29th days of October last.

Ordered, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. Viant reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined one of the Petitions presented upon the 16th day of July last, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House : And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth :—

The Lords have agreed to the Roosevelt Memorial Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Whiteley) ; and it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Stewart) ;

And it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Mr. Gleswell Hall presented, pursuant to the Pensions, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st October 1946, entitled the Superannuation (Unestablished Service) Regulations, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of Supplementary Protocols, signed at London on the 5th day of October 1945 and the 15th day of March 1946, concerning the International Agreement for the Regulation of Whaling of the 8th day of June 1937, as amended by the Protocols of the 24th day of June 1938 and the 7th day of February 1944.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, by His West African Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement on Future Marketing of West African Cocoas.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Directions, dated 1st November 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Women's and Girls' Outerwear) (Amendment) Directions, 1946.

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 4th day of this instant November, for a Return relative to Adjournment Motions under the Standing Order (Motion for Adjournment under the Standing Order, on Matters of Urgent Public Importance).

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant November, for a Return relative to Public Bills and Private Business.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of Public Bills.
Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant November, for a Return relative to Public Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant November, for a Return relative to Select Committees.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant November, for a Return relative to Sittings of the House and Business of Supply.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant November, for a Return relative to Standing Committees.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws in the Session of 1866, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Register of Temporary Laws for the First Session, Thirty-eightth Parliament, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account showing the Receipts and Payments during the year ended the 31st day of March 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to Temporary Laws and Cinematograph Fund be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table:


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Supreme Court of Judicature (Circuit Officers) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the National Health Service Bill to which this House hath disagreed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration His Majesty's Most Gracious Message of the 4th day of this instant November, relative to the Opening of Parliament.

And the same was again read by Mr. Speaker.

The present Parliament Chamber not being convenient for the purpose of opening Parliament, His Majesty intends to open the next session of Parliament in the Chamber now assigned to the House of Commons as their place of sitting and not in the present Parliament Chamber; and it is His Majesty's pleasure that on the day to which Parliament shall stand prorogued the Lords Spiritual and Temporal shall meet in the Chamber now assigned to the House of Commons as their place of sitting and that the House of Commons shall then meet in St. Stephen's Hall. And it is His Majesty's further pleasure, that as soon as conveniently may be after he has delivered his Speech to both Houses of Parliament, the Chamber at present assigned to the House of Commons as their place of sitting shall be again made ready for their occupation.

GEORGE R.I.

Ordered, That on the day to which Parliament shall stand prorogued this House do meet at Eleven of the clock in St. Stephen's Hall:; and that, after this House shall have returned from hearing His Majesty's Gracious Speech, Mr. Speaker shall resume the chair at Four of the clock and forthwith adjourn the House without Question put to the Chamber at present appointed for the use of this House.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.

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 Commissions, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the Lords, thereby authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Police (Scotland) Act, 1946.
2. Education (Scotland) Act, 1946.
7. Association of County Councils (Scotland) Act, 1946.
8. Supreme Court of Judicature (Circuit Officers) Act, 1946.
15. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Norwich) Act, 1946.
18. Glasgow Corporation Act, 1946.

And afterwards, His Majesty's most gracious King's Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor in pursuance of His Majesty's Commands, as followeth:
Nations Organisation, its Economic and Social
ravages which it had caused, both at home
and abroad. A notable beginning has been
made with this task.

My Government have taken a leading part
in formulating treaties of peace with Italy,
Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland.
The conference of My Allies convened in Paris
to consider the draft treaties and to submit
recommendations on them to the Council of
Foreign Ministers has concluded its labours.
I have welcomed the thorough discussion which
has given an opportunity for a full expression
of views by My Dominion Governments and
My many gallant Allies and has enabled
the general belief to be expressed that the treaties
should be based not on vengeance but on
justice. I hope that these peace treaties will
soon be signed and will substantially contribute
to the rehabilitation of a devastated continent.

It gave Me great pleasure to welcome to
this country the delegates to the inaugural
session of the General Assembly of the United
Nations. My Government have given every
possible help and support to the United
Nations Organisation, its Economic and Social
Council and Security Council, and the many
international bodies which are to be associated
with it. Representatives of the United King-
dom have shared fully in the work of the
International Labour Organisation.

My Government have accepted membership
of the International Monetary Fund and the
International Bank for Reconstruction and
Development, and it is My hope that these
institutions will help to bring greater security
and a better standard of life to the peoples
of the world. It is a source of gratification to
Me that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has
been selected as Chairman for the coming
year of the Board of Governors of the Fund and
of the Bank.

Financial agreements have been concluded
with the Government of the United States and
with My Government in Canada, under which
substantial credits have been extended to My
Government to assist them in overcoming the
difficulties of transition from war and in moving
towards a freer and more stable system of
international trade. Important economic
agreements have also been made with various
countries.

In defeated Germany and also in Austria,
My Forces of occupation and civil authorities
co-operating with those of My Allies, have
continued to carry out with great devotion and
diligence the tasks of restoring ordered
government, repatriating displaced persons,
preventing famine and disease, and finally
eliminating Nazism. I welcome the progress
which has been made towards the restoration
of the freedom and independence of Austria
and the close co-operation which is being
established with My United States Allies as a
step towards the treatment of Germany as an
economic whole: and I trust that it may
be possible to lighten the heavy financial
burden which the present state of Germany
imposes on the people of the United Kingdom.

The trial of major German war criminals at
Nuremberg has been carried through with
dignity and impartiality, and in full accordance
with the best judicial traditions. The
proceedings were a signal example of inter-Allied
co-operation and the principles laid down by
the Court, which represent an important
development in international law, will, I
earnestly hope, prove a lasting deterrent
against aggression.

One of the first concerns of My Government
on the surrender of Japan was the repatriation
of all My subjects who had been held captive
by the Japanese. We give thanks to Almighty
God for their safe return after their many
sufferings.

In Japan British Commonwealth Forces are
making their contribution towards the work
which is being undertaken under the direction
of the Supreme Commander of the Allied
Powers for the restoration of a peaceful and
productive way of life in that country.

In other parts of the world My Forces are
playing their part in helping a return to the
conditions of peace; and many members of
them have been engaged, both overseas and
at home, on the difficult and dangerous task of
military clearance.

It gave Me special pleasure to welcome the
Prime Ministers and other Ministers of the
self-governing members of the British Common-
wealth to this country in April and May for
discussions with My Ministers in the United
Kingdom on many important matters. These
discussions contributed greatly to the elucid-
ation of many problems and to a mutual under-
standing of the issues involved. Discussions
have also taken place in London with repre-
sentatives of other parts of the Commonwealth
on other matters of common concern, including
scientific collaboration and commercial policy.

My Government have given their most
earnest attention to the affairs of India, where
changes of unparalleled importance are taking
place. The visit of three of My Ministers to
India earlier this year has resulted in the
election of a Constituent Assembly to frame
a constitution for India on the basis of the
statement made by My Government on the
16th May last. Provision has also been made
for associating the Indian States with this
work.

Pending the completion of the work of the
Constitution Assembly, an Interim Government
has been formed which is representative of
all important elements in British India. I
pray that India will prosper under their
guidance and will achieve through the delibera-
tions of the Constituent Assembly that freedom
which it has long been the policy of My Ministers
and Parliament to promote.

In Burma the Governor has reconstituted his
Executive Council on a broader basis and with
a wider authority which will enable the principal
political parties to make their contribution
to the economic and political reconstruction
of their country.

In Newfoundland a National Convention
has been elected to make recommendations
with a view to a subsequent referendum as to
the future form of the Government of the Island, and it is My earnest hope that they will be successful in achieving their object.

I have made an Order in Council providing for the acquisition of Sarawak and North Borneo under which responsibility for the internal affairs of the island will pass to a Parliament of Ceylon. I congratulate My people in Ceylon on this achievement and extend to them My best wishes for the future.

During the past Session the territories of North Borneo and Sarawak have come under My sovereignty. I have been glad to extend a warm welcome to their inhabitants and to assure them that it will be the constant care of My Government to promote their welfare.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

I thank you for the provision which you have made for expenditure on reconstruction and other public services.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

Despite the heavy responsibilities of My Armed Forces, no fewer than four million men and women have been released from them since June, 1945. During the same period the transfer of two and a half million workers from war to peace-time production has been smoothly effected without giving rise to any large measure of unemployment in the country as a whole. Good progress has also been made with the rehabilitation of disabled persons and their resettlement in employment.

The Merchant Navy is rapidly returning to its normal peace-time tasks and My Government have taken part in an International Labour Conference designed to secure improvements in the conditions of employment of merchant seamen.

Controls imposed during the war over labour, materials and other resources have been relaxed, wherever the removal of restrictions could be carried out without damage to the national interest; and arrangements have been made for the establishment of a National Joint Industrial Advisory Council, representing organisations of employers and workers.

At home there has been an increasing flow of consumer goods and a substantial advance has been made towards that great increase in exports which is necessary to secure and pay for the imports of raw materials and other commodities which we need from abroad. The Exhibition of Industrial Design which I opened in September is an impressive sign of the achievements of our manufacturers and designers.

In the face of a continuing and most serious world shortage of food My Ministers have been concerned to maintain the essential supplies of My peoples and also, so far as lies in their power, to help in preventing the spread of famine overseas. In accordance with the policy of ensuring that the necessaries of life are fairly distributed, My Government have been obliged to continue, and even to extend, the rationing of the main foodstuffs.

Farmers and agricultural workers have made great efforts to maintain a high level of food production in the United Kingdom. They have had to contend with exceptionally adverse weather conditions during the harvest months and My sympathy goes out to them in the difficulties which they have had to face.

The repair of war damage to schools and colleges and the return of teachers from war service have helped towards the rebuilding of our educational service. Improved arrangements for granting assistance to students at Universities will make it easier for young men and women to continue their education. Milk has been made available free for all children attending school; and facilities for children to have meals at school are still increasing rapidly. The provision of milk and vitamin supplements for mothers and young children has also been continued with good results.

The financial credit of My Government has been fully maintained. In the course of the Session rates of interest for both short-term and long-term borrowing have been substantially reduced. This policy has lightened the burden of the national debt and has assisted the financing of capital expenditure on reconstruction incurred by My Government and by local authorities.

I have given My assent to a large number of important measures during the Session.

A measure has been passed to nationalise the coal-mining industry. Thereby it has become possible to set in hand the re-organisation of this great industry which is one of the foundations of our country's strength and prosperity.

I have also given My assent to legislation to nationalise the Bank of England, to regulate the borrowing and the raising of money and the issue of securities, to enable guarantees to be given for loans for industrial reconstruction or development, and to substitute cupronickel for silver in the coinage.

Provision has been made for a national health service in England and Wales; for the creation of a national scheme of insurance against industrial injuries in place of the present system of workmen's compensation, and for the expansion and improvement of the existing schemes of social insurance. A system of family allowances and the higher rates of old age pension under the new social insurance scheme have been brought into operation.

I have given My assent to legislation to finance the production of houses by My Government and to subsidise house building by local authorities. I have also assented to a measure to control the rents of furnished houses.

Legislation has been passed to improve the procedure for the acquisition of land for public purposes and to provide for the creation of new towns to help in securing a properly balanced distribution of the population.

Acts have been passed to improve the efficiency of the police services, to increase the productive capacity of hill farming areas and to assist fishermen in obtaining boats and gear for the white fishing industry.

I have assented to legislation to secure the development of air transport services under public control, to bring overseas telegraph and wireless services under public ownership, and
to facilitate the provision of nationally owned airports.
A measure has been passed to promote and control the development of atomic energy.
My Government have welcomed the proposal of the Pilgrims Society to erect in the gardens of Grosvenor Square a memorial to that great and far-sighted statesman, the late President Roosevelt, and by a measure to which I have given My assent they have undertaken the duty of maintaining the statue and the gardens.
I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon us in the completion of the arduous tasks 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 Twelfth day of November, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued until Tuesday the Twelfth day of November, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six.
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