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BY virtue of His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to His Majesty's Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Tuesday the Twelfth day of this instant November, to be then here holden.
Tuesday, 12th November, 1946.

Prayers at Eleven of the clock in St. Stephen’s Hall.

A MESSAGE from His Majesty, by Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order (Opening of Parliament), of the 6th day of this instant November, resumed the Chair at Four of the clock and forthwith adjourned the House without a Question first put, to the Chamber at present appointed for the use of this House.

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 Aberdeen (South Division) in the room of Sir James Douglas Wishart Thomson, Baronet, who since his election for the said Burgh, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Sir Arthur Young.)

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

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Commissioner of the Metropolitan 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 therabouts; and that the Sergeant 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.

Privileges.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

Outlawries Bill.

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

Journal.

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

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

Parliamentary Papers (Recess).

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Recess and delivered to the Librarian of the House during the Recess, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of Protocols prolonging the International Agreement regarding the Regulation of Production and Marketing of Sugar signed in London on the 6th day of May 1937 (done in London on the 31st day of August 1944, the 31st day of August 1945 and the 30th day of August 1946).

Copy of the Second Interim Report of the Committee on Procedure in Matrimonial Causes.

Mr. Glendin Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Australia) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Rules, dated 6th November 1946, entitled—

(1) the Police War Reserve Rules, 1946, and
(2) the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps (No. 2) Rules, 1946.

Ordered, That copy of a Draft of an Order entitled the Metropolitan Police Staffs (Allocation of Superannuation Benefits) Order, 1946.

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 Rules, dated 7th October 1946, entitled the Canterbury Prison (Visiting Committee) Rules, 1946,

(2) the Chelmsford Prison (Visiting Committee) Rules, 1946,
(3) the Latchmere House Prison (Visiting Committee) Rules, 1946, and
(4) the Tortworth Prison (Visiting Committee) Rules, 1946.

Copies of Orders, made by the undermentioned local authorities and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938:—

(1) Council of the Borough of Barry.
(2) Town Council of the Borough of Chatham.
(3) Town Council of the Borough of Chepping Wycombe.
(4) Town Council of the Borough of Colne.
(5) Council of the Borough of Dartford.
(6) Council of the Borough of Gillingham.
(7) Town Council of the Borough of Maidstone.
(8) Council of the County Borough of Swansea.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st October 1946, entitled the Tillage (Northern Ireland) General Supply Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1946, to the Council of State Electoral Rules.

Copy of Amendments, dated 13th August India, 1946, to the Council of State Electoral Rules. (Legislature).

Copy of an Amendment, dated 22nd October India (Reserved Posts (Indian Police) Rules, 1938.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937:—

(1) Ayr County Council.
(2) Perth and Kinross Joint Superannuation Committee.

Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State Provisional for Scotland, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 1 (4) of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, on a representation by the London and North Eastern Railway Company.

Copy of an Order made by the Lord Provost, Shops Regulation. (Reduction of Number) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Chartered Shops and Drapers Regulation. (Temporary Provisions), the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th October 1946, entitled the Traffic Commissioners.
Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had, on this day, attended His Majesty in the House of Peers, when His Majesty was pleased to make a most gracious Speech from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy; which he read to the House, as followeth:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

During the Session that lies before you My Government will seek by all means in their power to promote the well-being of My people and to enable the nation, by its example and leadership, to play a worthy part in the advance of all nations of the world towards greater freedom and prosperity.

My Ministers will shortly meet representatives of the United States, Russia and France to discuss the future of Germany. It will be their aim to establish in Germany conditions which will foster true democracy, will guarantee the world against further attempts at world domination, and will remove the financial burden which the occupation has laid on My people.

I trust that at an early date a treaty will be concluded with Austria which will enable all forces of occupation to be withdrawn from that country.

The control of Japan and the measures taken to bring about a stable and just settlement in the Far East will remain the concern of My Ministers.

The General Assembly of the United Nations has resumed in New York the session begun in London last January. It will be the policy of My Government to share fully both in these discussions and in the meetings of those other international bodies which have been created to foster mutual help and understanding among the nations of the world.

I earnestly hope that the preparatory work for an International Conference on Trade and Employment which is now proceeding in London will lay the foundations for an increase in international trade over a wide area and for the maintenance of a high and stable level of employment in all the countries of the world. My Government will use every endeavour to bring these and wider international discussions to a successful conclusion.

My Ministers will continue to develop the existing intimate understanding and close working relations between this country and the self-governing members of the British Commonwealth.

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My peoples all practical guidance in their march
to self-government.

The Queen and I are looking forward with the
greatest pleasure to the visit which we propose
to pay to South Africa early next year.

Members of the House of Commons:
Estimates for the public services will be laid
before you in due course.

My Lords and Members of the House of
Commons:

My Government will press on with the con-
version of the national economy from war to
peace. I shall not therefore be able to ensure that the
resources of the nation are effectively employed
for the common good.

It will be an urgent task of My Ministers to
courage an increase in the productivity of
industry and so to secure the greatly increased
flow of both consumer and capital goods needed
for the raising of the standard of living of My
people and the expansion of the export trade.
In particular, My Ministers will, in fostering
the growth of industry, continue to pay special
attention to the needs of the development areas.

My Ministers recognise the urgent need for
securing an adequate flow of volunteers for the
Regular Forces, and their efforts to stimulate
recruitment will be intensified. The recon-
sitution of the Territorial and Reserve Forces
will be begun at an early date and My Govern-
ment will bring forward a measure providing
for the continuation of national service from
the date when the present transitional scheme
comes to an end.

My Ministers will do all in their power to
increase the supply and variety of food and to
see that it is efficiently and equitably distrib-
uted. They will also prosecute with the
utmost vigour the task of providing suitable
homes for My people, and will seek to ensure
that those most in need of it have first claim on
new accommodation. They recognise that the
housewives of the nation have had to bear a
particularly heavy burden owing to the shortages
of houses, of food-stuffs and of other consumer
goods. It will be their constant endeavour to
alleviate the hardships and inconveniences
caused by this legacy from the years of war.

All necessary action is being taken to enable
the school-leaving age to be raised in April of
next year.

A measure will be laid before you to bring
inland transport services under national owner-
ship and control; and you will be asked to
approve proposals to deal with compensation
and betterment in relation to town and country
planning and otherwise to improve the
machinery of planning.

A Bill will also be submitted to you to bring
into national ownership the electricity supply
industry as a further part of a concerted plan
for the co-ordination of the fuel and power
industries.

Valuable reports have already been received
from working parties appointed to make
recommendations for the better organisation of
a number of important industries, and you will
be asked to approve legislation to enable effect
to be given to their recommendations.

A measure dealing with exchange control
will be placed before you, and you will be asked
to approve legislation to provide for the
establishment of a commission to purchase,
import and distribute raw cotton.

Proposals will be laid before you to give effect
to the plans prepared by My Ministers for the
efficient development of agriculture in this
country, based on the system of guaranteed
prices and assured markets for the principal
farm products, and to give permanent effect to
the transfer of wage-fixing powers from the local
agricultural wages committees to the central
Wages Boards.

Legislation will be submitted to you to
provide for the establishment of a comprehen-
sive health service in Scotland, and to consoli-
date, with amendments, the local government
law of Scotland.

You will be asked to approve a Bill to provide
for the establishment of a Ministry of Defence.

Measures will be laid before you providing
for the arrangements consequent upon the
termination of the National Fire Service and
for empowering local authorities to operate civic
restaurants.

A Bill will be introduced to give effect to the
Convention on International Civil Aviation,
signed at Chicago on the 7th December, 1944.

Other measures will be laid before you if
time permits.

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

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Pearson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed
to-morrow.

Ordered, That—

(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
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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 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 (1) 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. —(The Prime Minister.)

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

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

[No. 2.]

Wednesday, 13th November, 1946.

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

P R A Y E R S.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Ayr and Bute (Kilmarnock Division) in the room of Clarice McNab Shaw, who since her election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham. —(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Exchange Control Bill. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 21st day of September 1946 between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Brazil concerning matters of Economic and Commercial Interest to the United Kingdom and Brazil. Copy of an Economic Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Argentine Government, signed at Buenos Aires on the 17th day of September 1946. Copy of the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations done at Quebec on the 16th day of October 1945 (with annexes). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 6th November 1946, entitled the Police War Reserve (Scotland) Rules, 1946.

Copy of Amendments to Rules, framed by the General Nursing Council for Scotland, providing for admission to the Examinations for the General and Male Parts of the Register of certain Ex-Service Candidates who have undergone a one year's course of training. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th November 1946, entitled the Control of Non-Ferrous Metals (No. 10) (Copper, Lead and Zinc) 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 7th November 1946, entitled the North-West Home Counties 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.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th November 1946, entitled the Road Haulage and Hire (Charges) (Amendment) 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 7th November 1946, amending the Flour Confectionery (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946. Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1946, entitled the Seizure of Food Order, 1946. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, 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 Lee Valley (Conservation of Water) Order, 1946, and the South-West Essex Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. Glenvil Hall, presented a Bill to confer powers, and impose duties and restrictions, in relation to gold, currency, payments, securities, debts, and the import, export, transfer and settlement of property, 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 and Mr. Alexander, presented a Bill to make provision for the appointment and functions of a Minister of Defence, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Thomas Williams, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Glencil Hall, Mr. Thomas Fraser and Mr. Collich, presented a Bill to transfer functions of agricultural wages committees to the Agricultural Wages Board and to the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board; to make further provision as to the fixing, cancelling and varying of minimum rates of agricultural wages, as to learners employed in agriculture, and as to agricultural workers disabled from earning the minimum rate of wages; to remove restrictions on the holidays which may be granted to agricultural workers under the Holidays with Pay Act, 1938; to extend the definition of "agriculture" in the enactments relating to the regulation of agricultural wages; 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. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. James Griffiths and Mr. Glencil Hall, presented a Bill to confirm and give effect to an agreement made between the Treasury and the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland with a view to assimilating the burdens on the Exchequer of Northern Ireland in respect of social insurance and allied services: 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 proposed, That—

(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;

(3) The following paragraph shall have effect in substitution for paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 1:

"(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 Sunday) before the day on which an answer is desired. Provided that questions received at the Table Office on Monday and Tuesday before 2.30 p.m. and on Friday before 11 a.m., may, if so desired by the Member, be put down for oral answer on the following Wednesday, Thursday and Monday, respectively."

(4) Whenever the House is adjourned for more than one day, notices of questions received at the Table Office at any time not later than 4.30 p.m. on either of the two last days of adjournment shall be treated as if either day were a day on which the House were sitting at 4.30 p.m. and the notice had been received after 2.30 p.m., and notices of questions received at the Table Office at any time not later than 4.30 p.m. on a day before the penultimate day shall be treated as if they had been so received on the penultimate day;

(5) 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;

(6) The following paragraph shall have effect in substitution for paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 1:

"(2) The House shall not be adjourned except in pursuance of a resolution:

Provided that, when a substantive motion for the adjournment of the House has been proposed after 10 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall, after the expiration of half an hour after that motion has been proposed, adjourn the House without question put."

(7) 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 at the commencement of public business to be decided without amendment or debate, to the effect that—

(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 paragraphs be agreed to, the business so specified shall not be interrupted if it is under discussion at the hour appointed for the interruption of business, may be entered upon at any hour although opposed, and, if under discussion when the business is postponed under the provisions of any Standing Order, may be resumed and proceeded with, though opposed, after the interruption of business:

Provided that business exempted for a specified period shall not be entered upon 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.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "until the Christmas Adjournment."—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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

Earl Winterton moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Deputy Speaker, being of the opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House. 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. Michael Stewart, Yeas, 293.]
Mr. Popplewell: Noes, 117.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan, Yeas, 312.]
Commander Agnew: Noes, 159.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That—

(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;

(3) The following paragraph shall have effect in substitution for paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 7:

"(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 Sunday) before that on which an answer is desired;

Provided that questions received at the Table Office on Monday and Tuesday before 2.30 p.m. and on Friday before 11 a.m., may, if so desired by the Member, be put down for oral answer on the following Wednesday, Thursday and Monday, respectively.

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(a) That the proceedings on any specified business be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House); or

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That, whenever the House stands adjourned and it is represented to Mr. Speaker by His Majesty's Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at any earlier time during the Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker is satisfied that the public interest does so require, he may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and the Government Business to be transacted on the day on which the House shall so meet shall, subject to the publication of notice thereof in the Order Paper to be circulated on the day on which the House shall so meet, be such as the Government may appoint, but subject as aforesaid the House shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to the day on which it shall so meet, and any Government Orders of the Day and Government Notices of Motions that may stand on the Order Book for any day shall be appointed for the day on which the House shall so meet; provided also that in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Chairman of Ways and Means, or the Deputy Chairman, be authorised to act in his stead for the purposes of this Resolution.

—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant November, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And it being Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Popplewell.)

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

[No. 3.]

Thursday, 14th November, 1946.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glamis Hall presented, pursuant to the Isle of Man directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Revenue and Expenditure in respect of the Duties of the Customs of the Isle of Man, and Accounts of the Accumulated Fund, and of Passenger Tax and Harbour Dues, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Isle of Man directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th November 1946, entitled the Civil Engineering Materials and Contractors' Plant (Control) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the Isle of Man directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Men's, Youths' and Boys' Outerwear) (Amendment) Directions, 1946,
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant November, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

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

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And it being Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

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

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. Alexander Anderson, Mrs. Ayrton Barnes, Mr. Barllett, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Haydn Davies, Mr. Gay, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. McIntee, Mr. Mainwaring, Captain Marsden, Sir Henry Morris-Jones, Mrs. Nichol, Mrs. Ridealgh, Mr. Walden, 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. Robert Taylor.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

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

[No. 4.]

Friday, 15th November, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glvenil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of, an Order, dated 12th November 1946, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 4) Order, 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, the Control of Rubber (No. 27) Order, dated 11th November 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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

Mr. Benan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of, the Control of Rubber (No. 27) Order, 1946, entitled the Nurses Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1946.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table:—Parliamentary Papers.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Glvenil Hall presented a Bill to continue Expiring Laws Certain expiring laws:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Barnes, supported by Mr. Secretary Road Traffic Strauss, presented a Bill to revoke certain Ordinances, dated 12th November 1946, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 4) 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, the Nurses (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 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.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table:—Parliamentary General Alphabetical Index to the Bills, Papers, Reports, Estimates, Accounts and Papers No. 1. printed by Order of the House of Commons, and to the Bills presented by Command, 1929–30 to 1943–44. Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.
King's Speech
(Motion for an Address).

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant November, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

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And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Michael Stewart)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Michael 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—(Mr. Michael Stewart);—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Four of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of this instant November, as applied by the Order made upon the 12th day of this instant November, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

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No. 5.

Monday, 18th November, 1946.

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

PRAYERS.

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 Bexley, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936.

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

(1) the Borough of Newbury,

(2) the Urban District of Baldock, and

(3) the Urban District of Exmouth.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Ankara on the 23rd day of March 1944, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Turkish Republic, concerning the liquidation of unexecuted judgments of the Anglo-Turkish Mixed Arbitral Tribunal.

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


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Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Orkney 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. 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) Bristol City Council.

(2) Chelsea Metropolitan Borough Council.

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

Mr. Shimwell presented, pursuant to the Gas (Special Directions of an Act of Parliament) Order, a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Redditch Gas Company.

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Secretary Ede and Mr. Glenvil Hall, presented a Bill to terminate the annuity payable to the holder for the time being of the title of Earl Nelson, and to make further provision as to the Trafalgar Estates:—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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant November, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

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And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

"And express the urgent hope that His Majesty's Government will so review and recast its conduct of International Affairs as to afford the utmost encouragement to, and collaboration with, all Nations and Groups striving to secure full Socialist planning and control of the world's resources and thus provide a democratic and constructive Socialist policy.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
alternative to an otherwise inevitable conflict between American Capitalism and Soviet Communism in which all hope of World Government would be destroyed."—(Mr. Crossman.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the
Mr. McGovern,
Mr. Stephen:
Tellers for the
Mr. Pearson,
Noes,
Mr. Joseph Henderson:
So it passed in the Negative.
And the Main Question being again proposed;
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words—

"But humbly regret that it is the intention of Your Majesty's Government to embark upon a peace-time policy of military conscription beyond the date when the present transitional scheme comes to an end."—(Mr. Yates.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the
Mrs. Paton,
Mrs. Nichol;
Tellers for the
Captain Stewart,
Noes,
Mr. Popplewell:
So it passed in the Negative.
And the Main Question being again proposed;—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being after Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider every Statutory Rule or Order (including any Provisional Rule made under Section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893) laid or laid in draft before the House, being a Rule, Order or Draft upon which proceedings may be or might have been 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 it purports to have retrospective effect where the parent Statute confers no express authority so to provide:

(v) that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the publication or in the laying of it before Parliament:

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

And the Committee was nominated of:—Mr. Bowles, Mr. Eric Fletcher, Dr. Guest, Mr. Hector Hughes, Mr. Macleay, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Platts-Mills, Mr. Oliver Poole, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Mr. Edward Smith and Mr. Frederick Willey.

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

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

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

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report to the House from time to time any memoranda submitted or other evidence given to the Committee by any Government Department in explanation of any Rule, Order or Draft.

Ordered, That the Committee 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.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

(Mr. Robert Taylor):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of this instant November, it being then sixteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, 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,
John Diamond, Esquire,
Colonel Sir Charles Glen MacAndrew,
George Mathers, Esquire,
Major Sir Basil Hamilton Hobden Nevis-
Spence,
Florence Beatrice Paton,
Colonel Leonard Ropner, M.C.,
Gordon Comino Trench, Esquire, and
Sir Robert Young, O.B.E.
Tuesday, 19th November, 1946.

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

P R A Y E R S .

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue His Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Merthyr Tydfil (Aberdare Division) (Aberdare Division) in the room of the Right Honourable George Henry Hall, now Viscount Hall, called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The Committee of Selection was nominated of:—Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. Byers, Mr. Duggar, Mr. Dobbie, Sir Stanley Holmes, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. McKinlay, Mr. Mathers, Mr. Messer, Colonel Ponsonby and Sir Robert Young.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Mr. Glendinning presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, (Copy of an Order, dated 15th November 1946, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 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 Regulations, dated 14th November 1946, entitled the National Fire Service (General) (No. 3) Regulations, 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 Orders, dated 14th November 1946, entitled the Essential Work (Cotton Manufacturing Industry Order) (Revocation) Order, 1946, and

(2) the Essential Work (Railway Undertakings Order) (Revocation Order), 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.—

Copy of the Church Commissioners Measure, 1946, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.


Copy of a Report to the Lord Chancellor of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics between the 1st day of April 1946 and the 30th day of September 1946.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to Church of England (National Assembly) (Measures) be printed.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Trafalgar Estates Bill do examine the applicability of the Closed Shop to the Trafalgar Estates Bill of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business.

Mr. Strachey, supported by Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Secretary Westwood, and Mr. Bevan, presented a Bill to empower local authorities to establish and carry on restaurants and otherwise provide for the supply to the public of meals and refreshments, 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant November, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words—'But humbly regret that the Gracious Speech contains no reference to the threat to the personal liberty of workers, members and non-members of trade unions by the enforcement of the closed shop in industry nor gives any indication of the policy of His Majesty's Government in this grave constitutional matter.'—(Mr. Byers.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added; The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wilfred Herbert; Mr. Popplewell; Mr. Byers.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Henderson; Mr. Popplewell; Mr. Byers.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed; Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words—'But humbly regret that no mention is Care of made in the Gracious Speech of any intention to Children, to give effect to the recommendations contained in the recent Report of the Care of Children Committee.'—(Mr. Wilson Harris.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added; The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Nicholson; Mr. Byers.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Stewart; Mr. Hannan.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed;—And a Debate arising thereupon;—And it being after Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copies of Rules of Court,—
(1) dated 25th July 1946, entitled the Rules Supreme Court of the Supreme Court (Long Vacation), 1946, (Procedure).

Copies of Rules of Court,—
(2) dated 31st July 1946, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules, 1946.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Chairman's from the Chairmen'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 awaiting.

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.

4. 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.

Sir Stafford Cripps, supported by Mr. Herbert Cotton Morrison, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Marquand, presented a Bill to make provision for centralised buying, selling and distribution of raw cotton, for the establishment of a Commission for that purpose and for the purpose of research in connection with raw cotton and its manufacture, and for matters connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That no Notices of Amendments on going into Committee of Supply be given until the first Thursday in February.—[Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant November, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

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

The House resumed the said adjourned
Debate .

Another Amendment was proposed to be
made to the Question, by adding, at the end
thereof, the words—
"But humbly submit to your Majesty that,
while your Ministers declare the urgent neces-
sity of increased production, there are no
practical proposals in the Gracious Speech
calculated to unite your Majesty's subjects in a
free national effort to this end ; but, on the
contrary, your Ministers, at this time, propose
further measures of nationalisation which
must confuse and retard the recovery of the
nation ."—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

And the Question being proposed, That
those words be there added:—And a Debate
arising thereupon ;
And it being Ten of the clock, the Debate
stood adjourned .

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-
morrow .

The Committee of Public Accounts was
nominated of:—Mr. Benson, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr.
Ernest Davies, Lieutenant-Colonel Dowser, Mr.
Glenvil Hall, Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton,
Mr. Haworth, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Lever,
Sir John Mellor, Mr. Peake, Sir Frank Sanderson,
Mr. Thurtle, and Mr. Wadsworth.—(Mr. Robert
Taylor.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be
appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in arrange-
ments for the reporting and publishing of
Debates and in regard to the form and distri-
bution of the Notice Papers issued in connec-
tion with the Business of the House ; and to
inquire into the expenditure on stationery and
printing for the House and the public services
generally:—And the Committee was nominated
of:—Mr. Cluse, Mr. Driferg, Mr. John Foster,
Mr. Harris, Captain Mariden, Mr. Messer,
Mr. Naylor, Mr. Stamford, Mr. Thornton-
Kemsley, Mr. Walker and Mr. Wilkins .

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 .

Resolved, That the Order made by the
Secretary of State for the Home Department,
extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertain-
ments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Newbury,
be approved.—(Mr. Oliver .)

Resolved, That the Order made by the
Secretary of State for the Home Department,
extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertain-
ments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of
Exmouth, a copy of which Order was presented
on the 18th day of this instant November, be
approved.—(Mr. Oliver .)

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

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

PRAYERS .

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the War Damage
directions of an Act of Parliament,—No. 9.

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
1946 .

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Historical
Command,—Copy of the Twenty-second Report
of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts .

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant Liquor
to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report of 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 1946 .

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table ; and that the Paper relative to Liquor
Traffic (State Management Districts) be printed .

Mr. Dugdale presented, pursuant to the Navy
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Discipline)
Rules, dated 30th September 1946, entitled the
Naval Detention Quarters (Amendment) Rules,
1946 .

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 Regulations, dated 18th November 1946, entitled—

1. The Bedding (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946, and
2. The Knitted Goods (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 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 an Order, dated 16th November 1946, entitled the Control of Paper (No. 79) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Shinnell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th November 1946, entitled—

1. The Coal Industry Nationalisation (Apportionments, Documents, &c.) Regulations, 1946, and

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of Regulations entitled the Unemployment Assistance (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946.

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

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

Church of England (National Assembly) (Measures). No. 7.

Church of England (National Assembly) (Measures). No. 8.

New Member sworn.

Mr. Dugdale, supported by Mr. Walter Edwards, presented a Bill to extend the time limited for service in the Royal Marine Forces: 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 Amendment which, upon the 20th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant November, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

"But humbly submit to your Majesty that, increased production, resulting from a free national effort to increase the output of coal, the further measures of nationalisation which must confuse and retard the recovery of the nation;"

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

And the Question being put:

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

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

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

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

1. Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees), 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 in that paragraph, fifteen shall be substituted for twenty as the Quorum of a Standing Committee.

(2) 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, 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—

(i) 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;

(ii) if, in the opinion of the Chairman, the proceedings on a Bill could be brought to a conclusion by a short extension of the sitting, he may defer adjourning the Committee until a quarter past one o'clock;

(iii) if proceedings under the Standing Order (Closure of Debate) be in progress at the time when the Chairman would be required to adjourn the Committee under the preceding provisions of this Order, he shall not adjourn the Committee until the questions consequent thereon and on any further Motion, as provided in that Standing Order, have been decided.

(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 paragraph (3) of this Order, but not earlier than two o'clock on any day.—[Mr. Herbert Morrison]:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out l.I. 40 to 51.—

(Sir Charles MacAndrew.)

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.

The Main Question was amended, in l. 68, by leaving out the word "two." and inserting the words "half past three"—[Mr. Herbert Morrison]—instead thereof;

And the Question, so amended, being put:—

Ordered, That—

(1) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees), 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 in that paragraph, fifteen shall be substituted for twenty as the Quorum of a Standing Committee.

(2) 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, 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 three o'clock; if, in the opinion of the Chairman, the proceedings on a Bill could be brought to a conclusion by a short extension of the sitting, he may defer adjourning the Committee until a quarter past one o'clock; if proceedings under the Standing Order (Closure of Debate) be in progress at the time when the Chairman would be required to adjourn the Committee under the preceding provisions of this Order, he shall not adjourn the Committee until the questions consequent thereon and on any further Motion, as provided in that Standing Order, have been decided.

(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 paragraph (3) of this Order, but not earlier than half past three o'clock on any day.

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 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:

(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.

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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 this day 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 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 to the Standing Committee.

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 Question thereon shall be decided without amendment or debate, and, if resolved in the Affirmative, the said Resolution (or Resolutions) shall operate as though included in the Allocation of Time Order made by the House."—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 5, by leaving out the words "or to be committed."—(Sir Charles MacAndrew.)

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—

(1) An Allocation of Time Order relating, or so much thereof as relates, to the Committee stage, made in respect of a Bill committed 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 this day 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 consider that Order, and those members shall be discharged 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 to the Standing Committee.

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 Question thereon shall be decided without amendment or debate, and, if resolved in the Affirmative, the said Resolution (or Resolutions) shall operate as though included in the Allocation of Time Order made by the House.

Ordered, That in order to facilitate the Adjournment of the House (Standing Committees).

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, being Law Officers (Attendance Standing Committees).
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 or form part of the Quorum.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Resolved, That for the remainder of this Session the Standing Order (Money Committees) shall have effect as if at the end thereof there were added “and any resolution come to by such Committee may, with the general Agreement of the House, be reported forthwith.”—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Unemployment and Family Allowances (Northern Ireland Agreement) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

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

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, being expenses which, under either of the two 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, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, being expenses which, under that Act are to be paid into the Exchequer.

—(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 upon Monday next.

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

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. Joseph Henderson.)

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

[No. 9.]

Friday, 22nd November, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Church Temporalities, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—[Wales].

Copy of a Scheme made by the Merioneth County Council and approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in the matter of the property transferable to the Council under the Welsh Church Acts, 1914 to 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 Peebles, Roxburgh and Selkirk Superannuation Joint Committee and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of an Order, dated 15th November 1946, entitled the Utility Bedding (Maximum Prices) (No. 4) Order, 1946.
Copy of an Order, dated 21st October 1946, entitled the Control of Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1946, entitled the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) (No. 3) Order, 1946.

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

The Ministry of Defence Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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 Ministry of Defence [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House;—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the appointment and functions of a Minister of Defence, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of an annual salary not exceeding five thousand pounds payable to the Minister appointed under the said Act, and of the expenses of that Minister, including the salaries or remuneration payable to any Parliamentary Secretary, and to any other secretaries, officials or servants, appointed by the Minister.—(Mr. Secretary Bellenger.)

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.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed 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. Burton, Mr. Birch, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Champion, Mr. Corletti, Mr. Cushtheri, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. Diamond, Sir Ralph Glyn, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Mr. Howard, Wing-Commander Hulbert, Colonel Hutchinson, Mr. Kirby, Sir Peter Macdonald, Major Macpherson, Mr. Mathers, Mr. Monsloe, Mr. Parkin, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Norman Smith, Mr. William Wells, Mr. West, Mr. Frederic 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; to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House; to adjourn from place to place; and to report from time to time.

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

Ordered, That Four be the Quorum of every such Sub-Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time Minutes of Evidence taken before Sub-Committees.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 10.]

Monday, 25th November, 1946.

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

PRAYERS.

The Order made upon the 21st day of this instant November, That the Papers relative to Church of England (National Assembly) (Measures) be printed, was read, and discharged.

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 the United States of Brazil concerning Air Transport, signed at Rio de Janeiro on the 31st day of October 1946.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
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 Birdholme, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant November, 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 Banbury, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

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

Mr. Michael Stewart ;—And a Debate arising thereupon :

And the Question having been proposed:—

And the Question having been proposed:—

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

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household King’s Speech reported to the House, That His Majesty, having been attended with their Address of Thanksgiving, extended Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Birdholme, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant November, being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Mr. Secratary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st November, 1946, entitled the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations (Scotland), 1946.

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


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

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Provisional Order, dated 10th November, 1946, entitled the Kettering Rural Town and Country Planning (Special 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,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th November, 1946, entitled the Canned Fruit (Prohibition of Retail Sales) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

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

Captain William James Field, Member for the Borough of Paddington (North Division), was sworn.

The Agricultural Wages (Regulation) 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 Agricultural Wages (Regulation) [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 transfer functions of agricultural wages committees to the Agricultural Wages Board and to the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board, and to make provision as to other matters, 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 section eleven of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, or section eleven of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Act, 1937.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.) Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
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 Magdalen College, Oxford, on the 22nd day of July 1946, amending the Statutes of the College.

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 Atherton Urban District Council and approved by the Minister of Health.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., That they had made 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 Potatoes (1946 Crop) (Charges) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946, No. 1740), a copy of which was presented on the 29th day of October last, the Drafts of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Australia) Order, 1946, and the Government of India (Governors’ Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1946, copies of which were presented on the 12th day of this instant November, the Draft of the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Second Amendment) Order, 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 18th day of this instant November, and the Drafts of the Unemployment Assistance (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946, and the Supplementary Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946, copies of which were presented on the 21st 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. Secretary Westwood supported by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Buchanan 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Exchange Control 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 "while recognising the necessity for a measure of Exchange Control under present circumstances, this House desires to give a Second Reading to a Bill which contains neither limitation of time nor opportunity for review."—(Mr. Eccles) 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 (Captain Stewart, Yeas, Mr. Popplewell; Tellers for the (Commander Agnew, Noes, Major Conant):

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. 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 Exchange Control (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 confer powers, and impose duties and restrictions, in relation to gold, currency, payments, securities, debts and the import, export, transfer and settlement of property, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred under or by virtue of the said Act by any Government department; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer—

(i) of any sums received under or by virtue of the said Act by any Government department; and

(ii) of such part as may be specified in the said Act of fines imposed on the summary conviction of offenders against the said Act.

—(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 upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being prop.osed, That the Seizure of Food Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946, No. 1823), dated 8th November 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 13th day of this instant November, 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 put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
And the Question being accordingly put, That the Seizure of Food Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1823), dated 8th November 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 13th day of this instant November, be annulled;

The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

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The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the [Mr. John Mellor, Mr. Spence ]

Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons, Mr. Hannan ]

So it was resolved in the Negative.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Twelve 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 Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Bill to Standing Committee A.

[No. 12.]

Wednesday, 27th November, 1946.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the London and North Eastern 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 St. Andrews Links: And the same was read the first time and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of December next.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Trade Agreement between Canada and Brazil, signed at Rio de Janeiro on the 17th day of October 1944 (Ratifications exchanged at Ottawa on the 17th day of March 1943).


Copy of the Judgement of the International Military Tribunal for the trial of German Major War Criminals (with the dissenting opinion of the Soviet Member), pronounced at Nuremberg on the 30th day of September and the 1st day of October 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st October 1946.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Housing Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 31st October 1946.

Mr. Bevan also presented, pursuant to the Public Health directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st November 1946, entitled the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1946.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd November 1946, entitled the Meals in Establishments (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, 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 North-West Home Counties Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1946.

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

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

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had selected the following Twenty Members to be the Panel of Members appointed to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 132 relating to Private Business:—Mr. Brooks, Mr. Glossop, Dr. Guest, Mr. Gay, Mr. Hubbard, Wing-Commander Hubber, Mr. Janner, Mr. Linstead, Mr. Logan, Mr. Longden, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Major Macpherson, Mr. Hopkin Morris, Mr. Murray, Sir Stanley Reed, Mr. Goweney Roberts, Mr. Shephard, Mr. Solley, Mr. Bernard Taylor and Mr. George Thomas.
Mr. Matthe reported from the Committee of Selection, a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. George Strauss, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a British Transport Commission concerned with transport and certain other related matters, to specify their powers and duties, to provide, or for the transfer to them of undertakings, parts of undertakings, property, rights, obligations and liabilities, to amend the law relating to transport, inland waterways, harbours and port facilities, to make certain consequential provisions as to income tax, to make provision as to pensions and gratuities in the case of certain persons who become officers of the Minister of Transport, 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 Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to revoke certain emergency provision as to licences to drive motor vehicles, and to amend the law as to the destination of fees in respect of driving tests, it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of such fees.—(Mr. George Strauss.)

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.

Resolved, That the Potatoes (1946 Crop) Supplies and Charges) Order, 1946, dated 28th October 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 29th day of October last, be approved.—(Dr. Summerskill.)

The Royal Marines Bill was, according to Royal Marines 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.
Agricultural Wages (Regulation) [Money].

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Agricultural Wages (Regulation) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to transfer functions of agricultural wages committees to the Agricultural Wages Board and to the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board, and to make provision as to other matters, 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 section eleven of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, or section eleven of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) [Scotland] Act, 1937.

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

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Selby, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Ludlow, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Cannock, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Public Petitions.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as relate to Private Bills, and that such Committee do classify and prepare abstracts of the same in such form and manner as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite information respecting their contents, and do report the same from time to time to the House: and that the Reports of the Committee do set forth, in respect of each Petition, the number of signatures which are accompanied by addresses, and which are written on sheets headed in every case by the prayer of the Petition, or on the back of such sheets, provided that on every sheet after the first the prayer may be reproduced in print or by other mechanical process; and that such Committee have power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite information respecting their contents, and do report the same from time to time to the House: and that the Reports of the Committee do set forth, in respect of each Petition, the number of signatures which are accompanied by addresses, and which are written on sheets headed in every case by the prayer of the Petition, or on the back of such sheets, provided that on every sheet after the first the prayer may be reproduced in print or by other mechanical process; and that such Committee have power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it:—And the Committee was nominated Mr. Barton, Lieutenant-Colonel Bokes, Mr. Chater, Mr. Dugger, Mr. Grey, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hubbard, Lieutenant-Colonel Kingsmill, Mr. Lambert, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. McAdam, Colonel Ponsoby, Mr. Raikes 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. Robert Taylor.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment 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.—Adjournment. (Mr. Popplewell.)

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Committee (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Butcher Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Bill.

[No. 13.]

Thursday, 28th November, 1946.

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

PRA YERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London and North Eastern Railway Order Confirmation Bill.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented a Bill to Arbroath Gas confirm a Provisional Order under the Burgh Order Bill. Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, relating to Arbroath Gas: 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 Hydro-Electric Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum Development explanatory of the North of Scotland Hydro- Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 7.

Mr. Secretary Westwood also presented, Hydro-Electric pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parlia- Development ment,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th November 1946, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro- Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 7 Confirmation Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Bottomley presented, by His Majesty's Imperial Command,—Copy of a Report of the Pro- ceedings of the Imperial Agricultural Bureaux Conference, London, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
[No. 15]

Monday, 2nd December, 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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 19th day of November last, That, in the case of the Trafalgar Estates Bill, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd December 1946, entitled the Coinage Act Regulations, 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement for the Establishment of the Caribbean Commission, signed at Washington on the 30th day of October 1946. (This Agreement has not yet been approved by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.)

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

Mr. Secretary Bellenger presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 228 (No. 81 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh) (Foundation of the Chair of Ophthalmology).

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th November 1946, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations, 1946.

Copy of a Notice, dated 27th November 1946, entitled the Requisitioning of New Privately-Owned Railway Wagons Notice, 1946.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Quarterly Statistical Statement of the costs of production, proceeds and profits of the coal mining industry for the second quarter of 1936.

Mr. Shinwell also presented, pursuant to the Gas (Special directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Order) Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1928–to 1934, on the application of the Carmarthen Gas Company.

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

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

1. (1) dated 14th November 1946, entitled the Poultry (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1946.
   (2) dated 26th November 1946, entitled the Poultry (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1946, and
   (3) dated 27th November 1946, entitled the Potatoes (1946 Crop) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 1946.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cotton (Centralised Buying) 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. Lyttelton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” 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.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Yeas,

Tellers for the [Mr. Michael Stewart, Yeas,

Tellers for the [Mr. Poplewell; Yeas,

Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Yeas,

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Noes,

Tellers for the [Mr. Michael Stewart,

Tellers for the [Mr. Poplewell; Noes,

Tellers for the [Major Conant, Noes,

Tellers for the [Major Ramsay;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And 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. Lyttelton);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Mr. Michael Stewart, Yeas,

Tellers for the [Mr. Poplewell; Yeas,

Tellers for the [Major Conant, Yeas,

Tellers for the [Major Ramsay;

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas,

Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons; Yeas,

So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.
[Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

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

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, being expenses which, under either of the two 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.

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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Bexley, a copy of which Order was presented on the 26th day of this instant November, 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 Rural District of Worksop, a copy of which Order was presented on the 26th day of this instant November, 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 Spalding, a copy of which Order was presented on the 26th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

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 Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour 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 Civic Restaurants Bill to Standing Committee C.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Borden Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Civic Restaurants Bill.
[No. 14.]
Friday, 29th November, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Copies of an Order in Council, dated 29th November 1946, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (War Marriages) (Australia and South Africa) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. 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) East Suffolk County Council.
(2) Middlesbrough Town Council.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th November 1946, entitled the Pharmacy Undertakings (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Cunard Insurance Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Advances made under Part II Merchant Shipping of the British Shipping (Assistance) Act, 1935, and of the sums received by way of interest on, or in Repayment of, such Advances for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

The Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported, from the Committee on Ministry of Defence [Money], a Defence Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the appointment and functions of a Minister of Defence, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of an annual salary not exceeding five thousand pounds payable to the Minister appointed under the said Act, and of the expenses of that Minister, including the salaries or remuneration payable to any Parliamentary Secretary, and to any other secretaries, officers or servants, appointed by the Minister.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Ministry of itself into a Committee on the Ministry of Defence 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.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported, from the Committee on Expiring Laws Continuance [Money].
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, Portsmouth, in the County of Southampton and in the Diocese of Portsmouth, and the disposal of the site and materials for secular purposes.

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 make further provision as to the superannuation benefits of officers of trustee savings banks and of the Inspection Committee, and to empower trustee savings banks to make advances for the extension or formation of other such banks: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Secretary Eden, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Bevan, Miss Wilkinson and Mr. Glenvil Hall, presented a Bill to authorise further increases in pensions to which that Act does not apply: 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 Civic Restaurants 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 "one" of their Clerks, as follows:—

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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn —(Mr. Michael Stewart); And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker, and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at a quarter of an hour before Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

[No. 16.]
Tuesday, 3rd December, 1946.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Urban District of Malvern,
(2) the Urban District of Wantage, and
(3) the Rural District of Windsor.

Copy of a Scheme made by the Council of the County Borough of Swansea and approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in the matter of the property transferable to the Council under the Welsh Church Acts, 1914 and 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum of Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States concerning the British and American Zones of Occupation in Germany, signed at New York on the 2nd day of December 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 a Scheme made by Wadham College, Oxford, for administering certain funds of the College.

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

Mr. Burke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Draft of the Royal Charter for the continuance of the British Broadcasting Corporation for which the Postmaster General proposes to apply.

Copy of a Licence and Agreement, dated 29th November 1946, between His Majesty's Postmaster General and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

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 to repeal certain restrictions on the amount of special Greenwich Hospital pensions and of expenditure out of Greenwich Hospital Funds for the education and maintenance of children, and to make further provision for the granting out of those Funds of widows' pensions, children's allowances and gratuities to dependants; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Hurd, Colonel Hutchinson and Mr. Turton; and had appointed in substitution Captain Creedon, Colonel Gomme-Duncan and Major Lloyd.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Bill):—Mr. Barstow, Mr. Barton, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Collindridge, Miss Colman, Mr. Stephen Davies, Mr. Digby, Mr. Dobbie, Mr. Dods-Parker, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Gammons, Mr. Grierson, Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton, Major Haughton, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lindgren, Mr. Lipson, Mr. McAdam, Brigadier Mackeson, Mr. McLeavy, Mr. Monslow, Commander Noble, Mr. Poole, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Renton, Sir Ronald Ross, Mr. Sargood, Mr. Stephen, Mr. George Strauss and Mr. Viant.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C:—Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Captain Marsden and Mr. Renton; and had appointed in substitution Sir Gifford Fox, Major Macpherson and Mr. Sidney Marshall.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Civic Restaurants Bill):—Mr. Scholefield Allen, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Daines, Sir William Darling, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Commander Galbraith, Mr. John Henderson, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Robert Hudson, Lieutenant-Commander Hutchinson, Mr. Key, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Sir Peter Macdonald, Mr. Marten, Mr. Medlicott, Mr. Murray, Mr. Nally, Mr. Oliver, George Porter, Wing-Commander Robinson, Mr. Strachey, Dr. Summershill, Vice-Admiral Taylor, Mr. Tiffany, Mr. Tolly, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Wallgren and Mrs. Will.
Standing Committee C.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Bill) :- Mr. Arthur Allen, Mr. Asbury, Mrs. Braddock, Mr. Brook, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cobb, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Drayson, Mr. John Edwards, Mr. Erroll, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Macaulay, Mr. Maples, Mr. Marguand, Mr. Oldfield, Mr. Orr-Ewing, Mr. Parkin, Mr. Piratin, Mr. Edward Porter, Mr. Raikes, Mr. Randall, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Emrys Roberts, Mr. Scott-Elliott, Wing-Commander Shackleton and Mr. Shepherd.

New Member sworn.

Dame Priscilla Jean Fortescue Grant, Member for the Burgh of Aberdeen (South Division), was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trafalgar Estates 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 having regard to the clear intention of Parliament and the Nation (as expressed in the Act of 1806 for settling and securing a certain annuity on the Earl Nelson and the heirs of his body and such other persons to whom the title of Earl Nelson may descend) to make a binding and irrevocable settlement on the Nelson family, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which fails to provide in similar cases for proper compensation to be agreed or made subject to arbitration and involves a breach of an historic trust" — (Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth) — 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, Mr. Coldrick; Tellers for the Noes, Major Ramsay.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.
The Bill was 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 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.

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.

—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

Resolved, That the Draft Unemployment Unemployment Assistance (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946, made under Sections 38 and 52 of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, a copy of which Draft Regulations was presented on the 21st day of November last, be approved. —(Mr. Steele.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Collindridge.)

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 17.]

Wednesday, 4th December, 1946.

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

PRAYERS.

MR. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command, — Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of Brazil concerning Air Transport, signed at Rio de Janeiro on the 31st day of October 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the Local Government Act of Parliament, — Copies of Schemes made by 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.
Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated the following Two Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Trafalgar Estates Bill:

Mr. Lennox-Boyd and Mr. Sharp.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Bill) —Mr. Barton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:

—Mr. Lipson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Kenneth Lindsay.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Civic Restaurants Bill) —Mr. Scholefield Allen; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Royle.

Six Stafford Cripps, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Wilmot, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Belcher, presented a Bill to enable certain government departments to obtain more readily the information necessary for the appreciation of economic trends and for the discharge of their functions; to consolidate and amend the law relating to the census of production; to provide for a census of distribution and other services; 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. Robert Taylor reported, from the Committee on Exchange Control [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confer powers, and impose duties and restrictions, in relation to gold, currency, payments, securities, debts and the import, export, transfer and settlement of property, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred under or by virtue of the said Act by any government department; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer—

(i) of such part as may be specified in the said Act of fines imposed on the summary conviction of offenders against the said Act.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Exchange itself into a Committee on the Exchange Control Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Dealsing in gold and foreign currency).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, to leave out from the word " Act," to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. Eccles.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Collindridge; 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Ramsay; 14.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, at the end, to add the words—

"(4) For the purposes of this Act the expression 'authorised dealer' means any person who is at the date when this Part of the Act comes into force lawfully pursuing the trade or business of buying or selling or borrowing or lending any gold or foreign currency and in addition any such person as may for the time being be authorised by an order of the Treasury to act for the purposes of this Act as an authorised dealer in relation to gold or any foreign currency."—(Mr. Birch.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Conant; 107.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Collindridge; 259.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Surrender of gold and foreign currency).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 16, to leave out subsection (6).—(Colonel Crompton-Eyre.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Travellers' cheques, etc.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 34, to leave out the word " enable," and insert the word " entitle."—(Mr. Birch.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 1, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Howard.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Payments in the United Kingdom).
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 41, at the end, to add the words—

"Provided also that nothing in this section shall prohibit or be deemed to prohibit the doing of any of the things specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this section where the person resident outside the scheduled territories is in the United Kingdom at the time when any such thing is done and the payment or credit is intended for use in the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)"

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Noes,"
Mr. Coldrick : 102.
Mr. Collindridge : 298.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 6 and 7 agreed to,
Clauses Nos. 8 (Issue of Securities).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yeaas,"
Mr. Michael Stewart : 300.
Mr. Popplewell : 93.

Tellers for the "Noes,
Mr. Drewe : 298.
Major Conant : 102.

Clauses Nos. 9 and 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Substitution of securities and certificates outside United Kingdom).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 23, to leave out the word " calculated," and insert the words " intended by him "—(Mr. Eccles.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 12 to 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Deposit of certificates of title).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 31, to leave out the words " (whether directly or indirectly ) "—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 43, at the end, to add the words—

"(s) For the purposes of this Part of the Act, the expression "authorised depositary means any person who at the date when this Part of this Act comes into force is lawfully holding himself out as accepting on deposit by way of custody any security, certificate of title, coupon or secondary security as defined in section nineteen of this Act and in addition any such person as may for the time being be authorised by the Order of the Treasury to act as an authorised depositary for the purposes of this Part of this Act."—(Mr. Birch.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

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 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 Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Michael Stewart)—And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Thursday, 5th December, 1946.

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

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Extraordinary Commissioners for the Provisional Order Bill; Report of the Commissioners for the Private Bill, that in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz. :—

Arbroath Gas Provisional Order Bill.

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

The St. Andrews Links Order Confirmation St. Andrews Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Glennie Hall presented,—Return to an order, dated the 3rd day of this instant December, for a Return relative to Supreme Account, and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Bellenger presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Rules of Procedure, 1926.

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

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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 the Control of Sulphuric Acid (No. 3) 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 the Local Government Act Superannuation Scheme made by the Minister of Health, ion, dated 24th September 1946 and entitled the Ilford Borough Council (London Transport Employees) Superannuation Scheme, 1946.

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

(1) Barnley County Borough Council.
(2) Carlton Urban District Council.
Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 3rd December 1946, entitled—

(1) the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1946, and

(2) the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 30th November 1946, entitled the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th November 1946, entitled the National Insurance (Approved Societies) Regulations, 1946.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Exchange Control Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 15 (Deposit of certificates of title).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 43, at the end, to add the words—

"(8) For the purposes of this Part of the Act the expression 'authorised depositary' means any person who at the date when this Part of this Act comes into force is lawfully holding himself out as accepting on deposit by way of custody any security, certificate of title, coupon or secondary security as defined in section nineteen of this Act and in addition any such person as may for the time being be authorised by an order of the Treasury to act as an authorised depositary for the purposes of this Part of this Act."

Question again proposed, That those words be there added.

Question put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 16 to 19 agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Interpretation of Part III). Amendment proposed in p. 13, l. 18, after the word "thereof", to insert the word "which."

Question proposed, That the word "which" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 21 agreed to.

Clause No. 22 (General restrictions on export). Amendment proposed in p. 15, l. 44, to leave out from the beginning to the end of l. 2, on p. 16.—(Mr. Eccles.)

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

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Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 45, to leave out from the word “territories” to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Henry Strauss).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Michael Stewart, 264.

Yea: Mr. Popplewell, 84.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words—

“(3) Subsections (2) and (3) of section eighteen of this Act shall apply in relation to a settlement or the exercise of a power of appointment prohibited by this section as they apply in relation to a transfer prohibited by this Act of a security.”—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

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 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.

Ordered, That Mr. Benson, Mr. Callaghan, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth and Mr. William Wells be nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Trafalgar Estates Bill.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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 Malvern, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant December, 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 Wantage, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant December, 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 Rural District of Windsor, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn, —(Mr. Joseph Henderson) :—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then nineteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded St. Andrews to take into consideration the St. Andrews Links Order Confirmation Bill.

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

The Arbroath Gas Provisional Order Bill Arbroath was, according to Order, read a second time ; Order Bill and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.


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

Mr. Burke presented, by His Majesty’s British Command,—Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946.

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

Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, pursuant to Pensions the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other grants for Officers, Airmen and Nurses disabled, and for the Widows and Children of Officers and Airmen deceased, in consequence of Service during the 1914 World War.

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

The Pensions (Increase) 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.

PRAYERS.

Friday, 6th December, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

THE House, accordingly to Order, proceeded St. Andrews to take into consideration the St. Andrews Links Order Confirmation Bill.

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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 Pensions (Increase) [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 authorise further increases of pensions, and otherwise amend, the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944, and to continue that Act in force as amended, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the expenditure which under subsection (1) of section five of the said Act of 1944 is to be defrayed out of moneys so provided, being an increase attributable to—

(a) provisions of the said Act of the present Session, operating from such date as may be specified therein—

(i) raising the limits of income and pension up to which increases may be made under section one of the said Act of 1944, in the case of married pensioners and pensioners with dependants to four hundred and fifty pounds a year, and in the case of other pensioners to three hundred and fifty pounds a year;

(ii) raising the limit of pension up to which increases may be made under section two of the said Act of 1944 to seven hundred and eighty-seven pounds ten shillings a year;

(iii) raising the scale of increases under sections one and two of the said Act of 1944:

(b) provisions of the said Act of the present Session continuing in force the said Act of 1944 after the date on which it would otherwise expire, but subject to special provision in the case of pensions determined by reference to the average emoluments of service part of which was served before such date as may be specified in the said Act of the present Session.

—(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 upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Royal Marines 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of November last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) 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 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) 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 Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of November last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty 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) (Second 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 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Adaptation of Acts of Parliament) (Second 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.

Ordered, That Mr. Ernest Davies be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates; and that Mr. John Thomas be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

Ordered, That Mr. Ernest Davies be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts; and that Mr. John Thomas be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 9th December, 1946.

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

P R A Y E R S.

THE St. Andrews Links 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Arbroath Gas Provisional Order 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 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 Dartmouth, (2) the Rural District of Petworth, and (3) the Urban District of Stroud.

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 French National Committee on the Defence of the Island of Madagascar and its Dependencies and the Island of Reunion, signed at London on the 14th day of December 1942 (with notes exchanged at Paris between the 15th and the 21st day of June 1946, terminating the Agreement).

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

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 the 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, made at Paris on the 19th day of October 1945 (with Protocol of Signature) (Ratifications exchanged at Paris on the 14th day of November 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 General Orders, dated 5th December 1946, for the Regulation of Proceedings under and in pursuance of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of the Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Forestry Commissioners, for the year ended the 30th day of September 1945.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to Supplies and Services Directions, dated 29th November 1946, entitled the Woven Non-Wool Cloth (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions, 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 3rd December 1946, entitled the Animal Fats (Control and Prices) Order, 1946, (2) dated 3rd December 1946, entitled the Oils and Oilseeds (Control) Order, 1946, (3) dated 4th December 1946, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1946, (4) dated 5th December 1946, entitled the Meat Products, Canned Soup and Canned Meat (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1946, and (5) dated 5th December 1946, entitled the Rhubarb (Maximum Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Copies of Directions, dated 2nd December 1946, entitled — (1) the Christmas Food Directions, 1946, and (2) the New Year (Scotland) Food Directions, 1946.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C:—Lord Willoughby de Eresby; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Lennox-Boyd.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Civic Restaurants Bill):—Lieutenant-Commander Hutchinson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Challen.

A Motion was made, and the Question of the House, that the Exchange 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 ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmons; Mr. Hannan; 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drew.

Major Conant: 98.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Exchange Business into a Committee on the Exchange Control Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 29 (Settlements).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 5, at the end to insert the words— "(3) Subsections (2) and (3) of section eighteen of this Act shall apply in relation to a settlement or the exercise of a power of appointment prohibited by this section as they apply in relation to a transfer prohibited by this Act of a security."
Clause agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 23, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Eccles.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 12, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. James Reid.)

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

Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 28, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Eccles.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 14, to leave out subsection (2).—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 34, to leave out from the word "any," to the end of the Clause:
authorised dealers or authorised depositaries. —(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

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

Tellers for the 
Mr. Collindridge, 
Yea, 273.
Mr. Popplewell : 272.
Tellers for the 
Sir Arthur Young, 
Yea, 97.
Major Conant : 97.
Noes, 233.
Mr. Popplewell :
Mr. Michael Stewart, 
Noes, 233.
Mr. Popplewell :

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 21, to leave out subsection (3).—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 43 (Extent).

Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 23, to leave out sub-paragraph (2).—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 32, to leave out the words " or had notice: "—(Mr. John Foster.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 28, to leave out the word "any," to the word "and," in l. 35, and insert the words "authorised dealers or authorised depositaries. "—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

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

Tellers for the 
Mr. Collindridge, 
Yea, 269.
Mr. Coldrich : 269.
Tellers for the 
Sir Arthur Young, 
Yea, 88.
Noes, 88.
Major Ramsay :

Clause No. 41 (Determination of residence).

Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 18, to leave out from the word "may," to the end of the Clause, and add the words "by order make regulations defining for all or any of the purposes of this Act—
(a) the circumstances in which a person shall be treated as being resident in the United Kingdom ;
(b) the circumstances in which a person shall be treated as being resident outside the United Kingdom ;
(c) the circumstances in which a person shall be treated as being resident in such territories as may be specified in the order.
No order shall be made under this section unless a draft of the order has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament."—(Mr. James Reid.)

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

Tellers for the 
Mr. Collindridge, 
Yea, 199.
Mr. Hannan :
Tellers for the 
Mr. Drewe, 
Yea, 83.
Noes, 83.
Major Ramsay :
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, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

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 Cotton (Centralised Buying) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committee), 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 make provision for centralised buying, selling and distribution of raw cotton and for the establishment of a Commission for that purpose (in this Resolution referred to as "the Act") it is expedient to authorise—

(a) The issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of sums for periodical advances to the said Commission as follows, that is say—

(i) for the purpose of meeting outstanding of theirs properly chargeable to revenue account, advances such that the aggregate outstanding at any time in respect thereof, and of such part of the net value of assets transferred to them by virtue of the Act as may be treated thereunder as an initial advance for that purpose, shall not exceed the aggregate of that part of that net value and seventy-five million pounds, and

(ii) for the purpose of meeting outstanding of theirs properly chargeable to capital account, advances not exceeding in the aggregate ten million pounds (reckoned without bringing into account such part of the net value of assets transferred to them by virtue of the Act as may be treated thereunder as an initial advance for that purpose), subject to provision for the making of payments by them to the Board of Trade by way of interest on such initial and periodical advances and of repayment thereof.

(b) The issuing out of the Consolidated Fund, for payment to the said Commission and credit to their reserve fund, of a sum representing the net profit accruing to the Board of Trade from the discharge of their raw cotton functions on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, determined having regard to all relevant considerations including the net value of assets transferred as aforesaid.

(c) 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.

(d) The payment into the Exchequer of payments to be made as aforesaid by the said Commission to the Board of Trade, the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer representing such payments, and the application of sums so issued in redemption or payment off 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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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

Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, being continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 21.]

Tuesday, 10th December, 1946.

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

PRAYERS.

The Arbroath 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.
Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 5th December 1946, granting a retired allowance to Miss Mary Forster, Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist, Post Office, under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

Mr. Touche reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) 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.

No. 12.
New Member sworn.

Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Thomas Fraser, presented a Bill to relax the rules set out in the Third Schedule to the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1944, so far as they relate to the application of the electoral quota and, in consequence thereof, to postpone the enumeration date for the purposes of the initial report under section three of that Act: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Service (Scotland) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, while welcoming the idea of a comprehensive Health Service for Scotland, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which concentrates so large a proportion of the control of the service in the hands of the Secretary of State; which permits endowments and benefactions to be diverted to purposes other than those defined by the donors; which interferes with that close personal relationship between doctor and patient which plays so great a part in achieving success in medical treatment; and which gravely threatens both the training of the student of medicine and the research upon which the future advancement of medical science depends."—(Mr. James Reid)—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. Hannan, Mr. Popplewell; 273.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Arthur Young, Major Ramsay; 123.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was 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 National Health Service (Scotland) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present session to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive Health Service for Scotland and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the exercise of his functions under the said Act, the Lunacy (Scotland) Acts, 1857 to 1919, or the Mental Deficiency (Scotland) Acts, 1913 and 1949;

(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 amount apportioned to Scotland under the National Health Service Act, 1946, 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 committee or board in 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 required to defray the expenditure of Regional Hospital Boards constituted under the said Act (including the expenditure of Medical Education Committees and of Boards of Management so constituted in exercising functions conferred on them by, or delegated to them under the said Act);

(e) expenditure incurred by other bodies under the said Act;

(f) remuneration, sums in respect of loss of remunerative time, and travelling and subsistence allowances payable to members of bodies constituted under the said Act;

and

(g) superannuation benefits provided for officers employed in voluntary hospitals prior to the transfer thereof to the Secretary of State under the said Act, for officers engaged in health services and for medical practitioners and dental practitioners providing services under the said Act;
and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of sums received by the Secretary of State under the said Act.—[Mr. Secretary Westwood.] 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 tomorrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the General Apparel, Furnishings and Textiles (Wholesalers' and Retailers' Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946, No. 1747), dated 29th October 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 5th day of November last, be annulled—[Mr. Spencer]—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—[Mr. Joseph Henderson]—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then seventeen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till tomorrow.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the County Council for the Administrative County of Radnor and approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in the matter of the property transferable to the Council under the Welsh Church Acts, 1914 to 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of a Protocol on the International Regulation of Whaling, signed at London on the 7th day of February 1944.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington on the 10th day of March 1944, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States concerning the United States Copyright Laws.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the London Traffic directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Twenty-first Annual Report of the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee (for the year ended the 30th day of September 1946).

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

William Ross, Esquire, M.A., Member for the County of Ayr and Bute (Kilmarnock Division), was sworn.

Mr. Secretary Jones, supported by Mr. Glennvil Hall and Mr. Ivor Thomas, presented a Bill to assist the Government of Malta to meet their liabilities for war damage and other expenses, and for purposes connected therewith:

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

Resolved, That the Licence and Agreement, Broadcasting, dated 29th November 1946, between His Majesty's Postmaster General and the British Broadcasting Corporation, a copy of which was presented on the 3rd day of this instant December, be approved.—[Mr. Burke.]

Captain Snow reported from the Committee on Pensions (Increase) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise further increases under, and otherwise amend, the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944, and to continue that Act in force as amended, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the expenditure which under subsection (1) of section five of the said Act of 1944 is to be defrayed out of moneys so provided, being an increase attributable to—

(a) provisions of the said Act of the present Session, operating from such date as may be specified therein,—

(i) raising the limits of income and pension up to which increases may be made under section one of the said Act of 1944; or the case of married pensioners

[No. 22.]

Wednesday, 11th December, 1946.

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

P R A Y E R S.

THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 6th day of this instant December relative to India and Burma had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty has 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) (Second Amendment) Order, 1946, and the Government of India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1946, be made in the form of the respective drafts laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

India and Burma
(Answer to Addresses.)
and pensioners with dependants to four hundred and fifty pounds a year, and in the case of other pensioners to three hundred and fifty pounds a year;

(ii) raising the limit of pension up to which increases may be made under section two of the said Act of 1944 to seven hundred and eighty-seven pounds ten shillings a year;

(iii) raising the scale of increases under sections one and two of the said Act of 1944;

(b) provisions of the said Act of the present Session continuing in force the said Act of 1944 after the date on which it would otherwise expire, but subject to special provision in the case of pensions determined by reference to the average emoluments of service part of which was served before such date as may be specified in the said Act of the present Session.

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

Pensions (Increase) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pensions (Increase) Bill;

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

Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords].

The Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords] 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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Greenwich Hospital Bill. [Lords].

The Greenwich Hospital Bill [Lords] 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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Cotton (Centralised Buying) [Money].

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Cotton (Centralised Buying) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for centralised buying, selling and distribution of raw cotton and for the establishment of a Commission for that purpose (in this Resolution referred to as 'the Act'), it is expedient to authorise—

(a) The issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of sums for periodical advances to the said Commission as follows, that is to say—

(i) for the purpose of meeting outgoings of theirs properly chargeable to revenue account, advances such that the aggregate outstanding at any time in respect thereof, and of such part of the net value of assets transferred to them by virtue of the Act as may be treated thereunder as an initial advance for that purpose, shall not exceed the aggregate of that part of that net value and seventy-five million pounds, and

(ii) for the purpose of meeting outgoings of theirs properly chargeable to capital account, advances not exceeding in the aggregate ten million pounds (reckoned without bringing into account such part of the net value of assets transferred to them by virtue of the Act as may be treated thereunder as an initial advance for that purpose), subject to provision for the making of payments by them to the Board of Trade by way of interest on such initial and periodical advances and of repayment thereof.

(b) The issuing out of the Consolidated Fund, for payment to the said Commission and credit to their reserve fund, of a sum representing the net profit accruing to the Board of Trade from the discharge of their raw cotton functions on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, determined having regard to all relevant considerations including the net value of assets transferred as aforesaid.

(c) 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.

(d) The payment into the Exchequer of payments to be made as aforesaid by the said Commission to the Board of Trade, the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer representing such payments, and the application of sums so issued in redemption or payment off 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.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department, Cinematograph Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Dartmouth, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Petworth, a copy of which Order was presented on the 9th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department, Cinematograph Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Stroud, a copy of which Order was presented on the 9th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Simmons) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEE.
Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the National Health Service (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Mathers Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the National Health Service (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 23.]

Thursday, 12th December, 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. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 6th December 1946, entitled the Local Government (Calculation of Rate and Grant Borne Expenditure, &c.) 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 Provisional Regulations, dated 6th December 1946, entitled the Local Government (Calculation of Rate and Grant Borne Expenditure, &c.) Regulations, 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 an Order, dated 10th December 1946, entitled the Electricity and Gas (Reduction of Consumption) 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 one of their Clerks, as followeth:

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

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Defence Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the statement on India made on the 11th day of this instant December by the Prime Minister and expresses its hope that a settlement of the present difficulties between Indian Parties will be forthcoming—(Sir Stafford Cripps) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Captain Snow.)

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Incumbents (Discipline) Measure, passed by the National Assembly Assembly) of the Church of England, be presented to His Majesty for His Royal Assent in the form proposed, That this House takes note of the statement on India made on the 11th day of this instant December by the Prime Minister and expresses its hope that a settlement of the present difficulties between Indian Parties will be forthcoming—(Sir Stafford Cripps) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Captain Croucher.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Wilfred Paling also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in amendment of the Order of the 12th day of June 1946 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 Papers do lie upon the Table ; and that the said Order be printed.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the Coal Industry directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th December 1946, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Financial Year of the National Coal Board) 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:

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 11th December Supreme Court 1946, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) (Procedure) (No. 3) Rules, 1946.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Trafalgar Estates Bill have power to send for persons, papers and records.—(Mr. Benson.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming India, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant December, That this House takes note of the statement on India made on the 11th day of this instant December by the Prime Minister and expresses its hope that a settlement of the present difficulties between Indian Parties will be forthcoming ;

And the Question being again proposed:

Ordered, That this House takes note of the statement on India made on the 11th day of this instant December by the Prime Minister and expresses its hope that a settlement of the present difficulties between Indian Parties will be forthcoming.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming India, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant December, That this House takes note of the statement on India made on the 11th day of this instant December by the Prime Minister and expresses its hope that a settlement of the present difficulties between Indian Parties will be forthcoming.

The House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) 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. 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 House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) (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 relax the rules set out in the Third Schedule to the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1944, so far as they relate to the application of the electoral quota and, in consequence thereof, to postpone the enumeration date for the purposes of the initial report under section three of that Act, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase occasioned by the passing of the said Act of the present Session in the expenses of the Boundary Commissions which, under paragraph 3 of Part II of the First Schedule to the said Act of 1944, are to be defrayed out of moneys so provided.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

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.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 25.]
Monday, 16th December, 1946.

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

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were 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 Scheme made by the County Council for the Administrative County of Monmouth and approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in the matter of the property transferable to the Council under the Welsh Church Acts, 1914 to 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Reykjavik on the 12th day of October 1944, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Iceland concerning the reversion of the Reykjavik Airfield to the Icelandic Government.

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Iceland concerning the transfer of Reykjavik Airfield to the Icelandic Government, signed at Reykjavik on the 4th day of July 1946 (with notes exchanged).

Copy of the International Sanitary Convention, 1944, modifying the International Sanitary Convention of the 21st day of June 1926, with Declarations by the Governments of Egypt and France, signed at Washington between the 5th and the 15th day of January 1945.

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 9th December 1946, entitled the Electric Torch Dry Batteries (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Bevan, presented, pursuant to the Local Government (Housing, Isles of Scilly) Order, 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 11th December 1946, entitled the Isles of Scilly (Housing, Isles of Scilly) Order, 1946.

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

(1) Leicester City Council.

(2) Westmorland County Council.

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

Mr. Isaacs, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th December 1946, entitled the Magnesium (Grinding of Castings and Other Articles) Special Regulations, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1946, entitled the Magnesium (Grinding of Castings and Other Articles) (Revocation) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Barnes, presented, pursuant to the Road Traffic directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 13th December 1946, entitled—

(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations, 1946, and

(2) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 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:—

Accounts of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the year ended the 1st day of July 1946.
First Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Control office for Germany and Austria, the Control Commission for Germany (British Element) and the Allied Commission for Austria (British Element), which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) 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 the Second Reading of the Transport Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now" and, at the end of the Question adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)
And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—
And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Captain Snow reported from the Committee on House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) [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 for Scotland and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—
(a) expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the exercise of his functions under the said Act, the Lunacy (Scotland) Acts, 1857 to 1919, or the Mental Deficiency (Scotland) Acts, 1913 and 1940;
(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 amount apportioned to Scotland under the National Health Service Act, 1946, 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 committee or board in 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 required to defray the expenditure of Regional Hospital Boards constituted under the said Act (including the expenditure of Medical Education Committees and of Boards of Management so constituted in exercising functions conferred on them by, or delegated to them under, the said Act);
(e) expenditure incurred by other bodies under the said Act;
(f) remuneration, sums in respect of loss of remunerative time, and travelling and subsistence allowances payable to members of bodies constituted under the said Act; and
(g) superannuation benefits provided for officers employed in voluntary hospitals prior to the transfer thereof to the Secretary of State under the said Act, for officers engaged in health services and for medical practitioners and dental practitioners providing services under the said Act;

and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of sums received by the Secretary of State 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 House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.
Tuesday, 17th December, 1946.

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

The Speaker read the Proclamation, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 19th December 1946, entitled the Agriculture (Regulation) Order, 1946, and the 9th day of this instant December, be read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood 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 I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

1. The Urban District of Darlaston,
2. The Borough of East Retford, and
3. The Borough of King's Lynn.

Mr. Secretary Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, accounts showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the Naval Prize Bounty, the Moneys between the 1st day of April, 1944, and the 31st day of March, 1945.

Mr. Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, copy of an Order, dated 13th December 1946, entitled the Pharmacy Undertakings (Revocation) (Scotland) Order, 1946.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, copies of orders—

1. Dated 12th December 1946, entitled the Cheese (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946.
2. Dated 13th December 1946, entitled the Establishments (Christmas Turkeys) Order, 1946.
3. Dated 13th December 1946, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Regulation of Manufacture) (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1946.
4. Dated 13th December 1946, entitled the Cucumbers (Revocation) Order, 1946.
5. Dated 13th December 1946, entitled the Onions (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1946.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, copies of an Order, dated nth December, 1946, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Consumers' Councils) Regulations, 1946.

Mr. Butcher reported from Standing Committee A; that they had gone through the Standing Committee, and were 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.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Unemployment and Family Allowances (Northern Ireland Agreement) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the St. Andrews Links Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Arbroath Gas Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, copies of Orders, dated 13th December 1946, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Consumers' Councils) Regulations, 1946.

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

Mr. Butcher reported from Standing Committee A; that they had gone through the Standing Committee, and were 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 Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday, the 21st day of January 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 Appendices; and the Report was brought up, and read, as follows:

Your Committee have considered the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 5) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946, No. 2077) and the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 6) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 2078), copies of which were presented on the 13th day of this instant December, 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 Road Haulage and Hire (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946, No. 1890), a copy of which was presented on the 13th 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 its form or purport calls for elucidation.

They have also considered the Control of Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1946, No. 165), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd 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 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.

Ordered, That the First Report of the Committee be printed.
London and North Eastern Railway Order Confirmation Bill.

Business of the House.

The Lords have agreed to the London and North Eastern Railway Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Motion relating to Transport Facilities (Members, &c.) 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,
Mr. Hannan: 271.

Tellers for the Major Conant,
Major Ramsay: 135.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now", and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months".

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now", stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Pearson).

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that provision should be made for transport for Members and officers of this House, and persons attending on the service thereof, when the House is adjourned at an hour when normal transport facilities are not available.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 3, by leaving out the words "Members and".—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

And the Question being put, That the words "Members and" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House it is expedient that provision should be made for transport for Members and officers of this House, and persons attending on the service thereof, when the House is adjourned at an hour when normal transport facilities are not available.

Adjournment.

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

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

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Wednesday, 18th December, 1946.

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

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gienveil Hall presented, pursuant to the Road Fund, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Receipts into, and Payments out of, the Road Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, 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 Ede, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of the Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth, Sixth-ninth and Seventieth Annual Reports of His Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives, for the years 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant Church Temporalities (Wales) Act, 1934, copy of a Scheme made by the Council for the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil and approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in the matter of the property transferable to the Council under the Welsh Church Acts, 1914 to 1945.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant Navy (Pay, Pensions, &c.) Act, 1939, copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th November 1946, approving an Admiralty Memorial Warrant, dated 1946, for the year 1946, to the directions of an Act of Parliament, relating to Pay, Pensions and Allowances for Members of the Naval, Marine and Reserve Forces and their Dependents.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to Supplies and Services (Transitional Rationing of Food) (Furnishing) Act, 1946, copy of an Order, dated 13th December 1946, entitled the Furniture (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 7) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to National Insurance Act, 1946, copy of an Order, dated 12th December 1946, entitled the National Insurance (Approved Societies' Investments) Regulations, 1946.

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

Mr. Burke presented, pursuant to the Inland Post Amendment (No. 7) Warrant, 1946.
Agriculture Bill.

Mr. Thomas Williams, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Eden, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Strachey, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Collieck, presented a Bill to make further provision for agriculture: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings in Committee on Transport [Money] 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 Yes, Mr. Popplewell: 294.
Tellers for the No, Commander Agnew, Major Ramsay: 138.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Transport Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 19th day of this instant December, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Transport Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, to add the words “upon this day six months”;

And the Question being again proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—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;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Robert Taylor: 362.
Tellers for the No, Major Macpherson: 205.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly 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 Yes, Mr. Robert Taylor: 362.
Tellers for the No, Mr. Stuart, Major Buchan-Hepburn: 204.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Barnes, by His Majesty’s Command, Transport [Money], having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Transport [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, amongst other things, for the establishment of a British Transport Commission, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required to fulfill any guarantee by the Treasury of the principal of and interest on stock issued by the said Commission or any other body having functions under the said Act or the principal of or interest on moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Commission or any such body, so, however, that the principal of the stock issued by the said Commission, so far as not issued in respect of compensation payable by virtue of the said Act or for the purpose of redeeming other stock, does not exceed two hundred and fifty million pounds and the moneys temporarily borrowed by the Commission do not at any time exceed two hundred and fifty million pounds;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) the remuneration of any auditor appointed under the said Act to ascertain sums payable to railway and canal undertakers;

(ii) the remuneration of the members and officers and servants of the arbitration tribunal appointed under that Act, the remuneration of any persons to whom proceedings are referred by that tribunal, and any other expenses of the said tribunal;

(iii) fees and allowances to any referee or board of referees appointed under the said Act to decide questions relating to the rights of or in respect of officers and servants, and allowances to witnesses appearing before any such referee or board;

(iv) fees and allowances to persons holding inquiries under the said Act on behalf of the Minister of Transport, and allowances to witnesses appearing at such inquiries;

(v) the remuneration and expenses of additional members of the Transport Tribunal referred to in the said Act;

(vi) any sums becoming payable under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1946, by reason of any provision of the said Act relating to persons who become officers of the Ministry of Transport;

(vii) the administrative expenses incurred in the execution of the said Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department;
The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Sheffington-Lodge; 86.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mitchison; 74.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes after One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 28.]

Thursday, 19th December, 1946.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Bank Note, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of the amount of Notes issued more than 40 years and outstanding on the 30th day of March 1946 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. Secretary Ede presented, by His Electoral Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Committee on Electoral Registration.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreements between the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the French Republic, concerning Control Machinery and Zones of Occupation in Austria and the Administration of the City of Vienna, signed at London on the 4th and the 9th day of July 1945, and at Vienna on the 28th day of June 1946.

Copy of the International Sanitary Convention for Aerial Navigation, 1944, modifying the International Sanitary Convention for Aerial Navigation of the 12th day of April 1933, with Declarations by the Governments of Egypt and France, signed at Washington between the 5th and the 15th day of January 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th November 1946, relating to the powers of command to be exercised over and by officers and airmen of the Polish Resettlement Corps (Royal Air Force).

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 29th November 1946, entitled—

1. the Gambia (Legislative Council) Order in Council, 1946, and
2. the Gambia Protectorate Order in Council, 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 13th December 1946, entitled the Utility Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 6) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the Agriculture Bill.

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 19th December 1946, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 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 Building Materials and Housing Fund established under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Building Materials and Housing Act, 1945, showing receipts and payments during the period ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Trading Account and Balance Sheet of the Fund: with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. MacLeod; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Maclay.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Bill):—Mr. Maclay; and had appointed in substitution Sir John Barlow.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following fifteen Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the National Health Service (Scotland) Bill):—Mr. Baird, Mr. Farthing, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Kinley, Mr. Leslie, Mr. MacAdam, Mr. John MacKay, Mr. Moody, Dr. Morgan, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Edward Porter, Dr. Stross, Dr. Taylor and Mr. George Wallace.

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 Royal Marines Bill, 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. Tellers for the Yeses, { } 237-; Tellers for the Noes, { } 92.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Exchange Control Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

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

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


An Amendment was proposed to be made to Exchange Control Bill, in p. 4, l. 24, by inserting, after the Control Bill word "person," the words "resident in the United Kingdom."—(Mr. John Foster).

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 [Commander Agnew, Yeas, Major Ramsay: 86];
[Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Daines: 232].

The Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—(Mr. Assheton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth).

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—(Mr. Henry Strauss).

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—(Mr. Assheton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—(Mr. Assheton.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 21, l. 9, by leaving out from the beginning to the end of the subsection, and inserting the words " excepting—
(a) in the case of a settlement, so far as it purports to confer any interest on any person who at the time of the settlement is resident outside the scheduled territories and who fails before the time when the interest thereunder would have vested in such person in possession but for the provisions of this section, or as soon as may be thereafter, to obtain permission to the vesting thereof as aforesaid from the Treasury, or
(b) in the case of the exercise of a power of appointment, so far as it purports to confer any interest on any person who at the time of the exercise of the power is resident outside the scheduled territories " —(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth)—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 [Captain Snow, Yeas, Sir Arthur Young: 233];
[Mr. Drewe, Noes, Mr. Hannan: 75].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 21, l. 41, by leaving out from the word " requirements," to the end of l. 44.—(Mr. Assheton.)

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 [Captain Snow, Yeas, Mr. Probywell: 227];
[Major Conant, Noes, Major Ramsay: 79].

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. 21, l. 21, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—
" Provided that no person shall be held guilty of any offence by reason of any such direction as aforesaid if he was not in fact a resident or a non-resident as the case may be in the territory concerned at the time of the alleged offence."—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

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 [Commander Agnew, Yeas, Major Conant: 83];
[Mr. Simmons, Noes, Mr. Hannan: 232].

So it was passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.
A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time; 
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit. 
And 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, Mr. Coldrich; 
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Arthur Young, Commander Agnew; 
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 Serjeant at Arms made the following Report to Mr. Speaker:--
Sir, 
In accordance with your instructions I have investigated the facts in connection with the disturbance in the precincts of the House of which complaint was made this evening by the honourable Member for the County of Warwick (Nuneaton Division). I have received Reports on the matter and have to report that a disturbance undoubtedly occurred in the precincts, but the evidence appears to be conflicting and further investigation is required to determine the actual facts of the case. 
Mr. Piratin was heard in his place. 
Mr. Speaker then read the following letter to the House:—
The Speaker, 
Colonel The Right Honourable D. Clifton Brown, 
Speaker's House, Palace of Westminster, S.W.1. 
The Press Association, 
The Press Gallery, 
House of Commons, 
London, S.W.1, 
December 19, 1946. 
Sir, 
I beg your leave and indulgence to express to you, and through you to the House of Commons, my profound regret that I should have been involved in an affair within the precincts with a Member of your honourable House. I deeply regret my part in what occurred and ask you to believe, Sir, that no disrespect was ever intended to you or the dignity of the Commons either individually or collectively. 
I hope, Sir, that you will be generous enough to extend to me your leniency and forgiveness. During eight years as a member of the Press Gallery I have never been hitherto involved in any untoward incident; and I trust that you will believe me when I say that I shall never allow it to occur again. I repeat my sincere regrets to you, Sir, and to the House of Commons, the dignity of which I had within my limited sphere, diligently sought to preserve. 
Yours sincerely, 
T. D. Lucy.
Friday, 26th December, 1946.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Housing (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 30th November 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 November 1946.

Mr. Bevan also 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) Kidderminster Town Council.
(2) Redcar Town Council.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1946, entitled the National Health Service (Determination of Regional Hospital Areas) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th December 1946, entitled the National Health Insurance (Emergency Additional Benefits) Amendment Regulations, 1946.

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

Mr. Mathers 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 National Health Service (Scotland) Bill):—Mr. George Wallace; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Harry Wallace.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges have power to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Electricity Bill—Bill 25.

Mr. Shinwell, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Gaitskell, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a British Electricity Authority and Area Electricity Boards and for the exercise and performance by that Authority and those Boards and the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board of functions relating to the supply of electricity and certain other matters; for the transfer to the said Authority or any such Board as aforesaid of property, rights, obligations and liabilities of electricity undertakers and other bodies; to amend the law relating to the supply of electricity; to make certain consequential provision as to income tax; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday, the 21st day of January next; and to be printed.

Mr. Silkin, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Fred Marshall, presented a Bill to make fresh provision for planning the development and use of land, for the grant of permission to develop land and for other powers of control over the use of land; to confer on public authorities additional powers in respect of the acquisition and development of land for planning and other purposes, and to amend the law relating to compensation in respect of the compulsory acquisition of land; to provide for payments out of central funds in respect of depreciation occasioned by planning restrictions; to secure the recovery for the benefit of the community of development charges in respect of certain new development; to provide for the payment of grants out of central funds in respect of expenses of local authorities in connection with the matters aforesaid; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday, the 21st day of January next; and to be printed.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Callaghan be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates; and that Mr. Albert Davies be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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 Snow):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Four of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour. Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, as applied by the Order made upon the 12th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Tuesday the 21st day of January next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.
Tuesday, 21st January, 1947.

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 electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of York, West Riding (Normanton Division) in the room of Tom Smith, Esquire, who since his election for the said County hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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.:——

Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust.
Felixstowe Pier.
Felixstowe Urban District Council.
Helston and Porthleven Water.
London and North Eastern Railway.
London County Council (General Powers).
London Midland and Scottish Railway.
London Passenger Transport Board.
Nottingham Corporation.
Preston Corporation.
Swindon Corporation.
Tynemouth Corporation.

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 Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:——

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Traction.

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

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.:——

Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils (Runcorn-Widnes Bridge, &c.).
Commercial Gas.
Dudley Corporation.
Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council.
Hove Corporation.
Nazeing Wood or Park.
South Metropolitan Gas.
Southend-on-Sea Corporation.
Southern Railway.
South-West Middlesex Crematorium.
Sunderland Corporation.
Tendering Hundred Water and Gas.

And in the case of the City of London (Tithes) they have made a Special Report, as followeth:

The Bill recites, inter alia, that the City of London is divided for divers purposes among the parishes mentioned in the First Schedule to the Bill and that in most of the scheduled parishes there are payable sums such as are comprehended under the expression “tithes” as defined in the Bill and that the same are in most cases payable for the maintenance and benefit of the incumbents of parish churches.

The Bill further recites that many Acts of Parliament have been passed authorising and regulating and providing for the levy and collection of or to relieve of the tithes, of which Acts, so far as they are known or can be ascertained, a list is set forth in the Second Schedule to the Bill. In the Second Schedule is included the Act 4 Geo. IV, c. cxviii, “for extinguishing tithes and customary payments in lieu of tithes, and all demands for Easter offerings within the London or City Liberty of Saint Andrew, Holborn, in the City of London; and for making compensation in lieu thereof”.

The Act 4 Geo. IV, c. cxviii recites that the inhabitants of the parish have mostly been paying Easter offerings and treating them as voluntary, and the Rector has not demanded them as due by law; but now the Rector has begun a suit in the Exchequer Court against inhabitants and occupiers to compel the payment of tithes, demanding as of right the payment of tithes at the rate of 2s. 9d. in the pound on the value of the houses and buildings but the defendants say that the Rector has no title to such tithes but only to fixed customary payments in lieu of tithes; and the parties, with consent of the Bishop and the patron, have compromised the matters in dispute and agreed on an annual payment to the Rector of £700 a year in lieu and in full compensation of and for all tithes, dues and payments and in lieu of all Easter offerings which the said Rector for the time being may demand by law (other than voluntary Easter offerings and not including surpluse fees).

The Act recites further that it would be the means of preventing litigation and expense and would be of mutual advantage to the Rector and inhabitants if the said agreement were to be rendered permanent but that cannot be done without the authority of Parliament. The Act then creates commissioners and arranges for their election, procedure, meetings, etc. By section 15 the Commissioners are to pay the Rector for the time being the annual £700 and to pay the present Rector, his executors, administrators and assigns, the sum of £1,400 for the arrears. And under section 17 the Commissioners may assess all persons who are assessed to poor rate; under section 27 this Rector may sue the inhabitants if the said agreement.
Rector's right to be paid £700 under the Act 4 Geo. IV. c. cxviii.

Standing Order 19 of each House of Parliament provides that "in the case of a Bill whereby any express provision then in force for the protection or benefit of any public trustees or commissioners corporation or other person, specifically named in such provision, is proposed to be altered or repealed, notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to the person or each of the persons for the time being entitled to enforce such statutory provision unless after reasonable enquiry the identity of any such persons cannot be ascertained."

It is not clear whether the Standing Order applies to implied as well as to specific repeals. If it does the Standing Order has not been complied with in as much as no notice in writing of the proposal was given to the Rector or to the Commissioners.

Ordered, That so much of the Report as relates to the City of London (Tithes) be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, and delivered to the Librarian of the House during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of Notes exchanged at Rio de Janeiro on the 15th day of March 1946, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Brazil, approving the General Report of the Special Commissioners appointed to demarcate the Boundary Line between British Guiana and Brazil (with General Report).

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Royal Netherlands Government concerning the Supply of certain Aircraft and Equipment, signed at London on the 4th day of December 1946.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 3rd day of December 1946, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic, concerning War Damage Compensation.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington between the 18th day of January and the 21st day of February 1946, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America, concerning the free importation of goods into the Leased Bases in Bermuda, in the Caribbean and in British Guiana.

Copy of a Memorandum of Agreement 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 (ratifications exchanged at Brussels on the 8th day of November 1946).

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Royal Swedish Government relating to Air Services (with annex), signed at London on the 27th day of November 1946.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Santiago on the Treaty Series No. 65, 1946.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London between the 24th and the 27th day of December 1946, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic, concerning the Mutual Abolition of Visas.

Copy of a Statement of Policy on Constitutional Reform in Malta.

Copy of a Report of the Advisory Council on Education in Scotland, relative to Primary Education.

Paper concerning the Electricity Supply Areas to be established under the Electricity Bill.

Copy of a Statement on the Economic Considerations affecting Relations between Employers and Workers.

Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the Town and Country Planning Bill.

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 1945.

MR. GLENWILL HALL presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, 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 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Air Accounts.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, Classes I-IX, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Civil Accounts.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Revenue Departments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon Revenue and Certain Store Accounts.

Accounts and Balance Sheets of Trading or Commercial Services, conducted by Government Departments in the year 1945-1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
Air Navigation. Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 20th December 1946, relative to the British Overseas Airways Corporation.


Abstract Account of the Receipts into, and Issues out of, the Development Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Double Taxation Relief, Copies of Draft Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (South Africa) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (South Africa) Order, 1947.

Import Duties (Drawback), Copy of an Order, dated 20th December 1946, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 3) Order, 1946.

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Coal), Copy of an Order, dated 1st January 1947, entitled the Coal (Charges) (Termination) Order 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and Directors of Convict Prisons for the Years 1942 to 1944.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Council for the Administrative County of Cardigan and approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in the matter of the property transferable to the Council under the Welsh Church Acts, 1914 to 1945.


Pensions (Appeal Tribunals) (Northern Ireland), Copy of Rules, dated 19th December 1946, entitled the Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1946.

Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions), 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 October to the 31st day of December 1946.

Shops Regulation.

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments.


Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Electricity and Gas), Copy of an Order, dated 10th January 1947, entitled the Electricity and Gas (Reduction of Consumption) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1946, entitled the Essential Work (Merchant Navy Revocation Order (Northern Ireland), 1946.

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

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, by His India (Finance and Revenue Accounts).

Mr. Arthur Henderson also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copies of Amendments,—
(1) dated 27th December 1946, to the Reserved Posts (Other Services) Rules, 1938, and
(2) dated 30th December 1946, to the Reserved Posts (Indian Civil Service) Rules, 1938.

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

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of the Seventh Annual Report on Scottish Camps by the Scottish Special Housing Association Limited (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946).

Copy of Schemes made by the under-mentioned local authorities and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937:
(1) Dunbarton County Council.
(2) Wigton County Council.

Copy of Rules, framed by the General Nursing Council for Scotland, to permit retention of training for certain persons on the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

Copies of University Court Ordinances,—
(1) No. 220 (No. 47 of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen) (Regulations as to the Finances of the University: Repeal and Amendment of Ordinances), and
(2) No. 230 (No. 51 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Abolition of the Chair of New Testament Language and Literature.)

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

Mr. Dugdale presented, pursuant to the Naval Savings directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Account of deposits in Naval Savings Banks, and the payments thereof and of interest thereon, of all investments and the application of the interest or dividends accruing in respect thereof, and of the proceeds of any sale of any stocks, annuities or securities during the financial years 1941-1946 respectively.
Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Aluminium).

Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1946, entitled the Segregation of Aluminium and Aluminium Alloy Scrap (Admiralty) Revocation Order, 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevenger 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. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st December 1946, entitled the Air Council (Membership, Business, &c.) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st December 1946, entitled the Compensation of Displaced Officers (War Service) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st December 1946, entitled the Diplomatic Privileges (General Amendment) Order in Council, 1946.

Copy of Orders in Council, dated 21st December 1946, entitled—
(1) the Somaliland (Amendment) Order in Council, 1946, and
(2) the Trucial States Order in Council, 1946.

Copy of Orders in Council, dated 21st December 1946,—
(1) revoking Regulation 71A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and
(2) revoking and amending certain Regulations 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,—Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 20th December 1946, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order (No. 2) 1946.
(2) dated 20th December 1946, entitled the Narrow Fabrics (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1946.
(3) dated 31st December 1946, entitled the Wool Yarn and Wool Cloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1946.
(6) dated 10th January 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1947.
(7) dated 10th January 1947, entitled the General Apparel, Furnishings and Textiles (Wholesalers’ and Retailers’ Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1947, and
(8) dated 10th January 1947, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

Copy of Directions, dated 31st December 1946, entitled the Woven Wool Cloth (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Directions, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 2nd January 1947, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Consolidation) Order, 1947.

Copy of Orders, dated 19th December 1946, entitled—
(1) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 73) Order, 1946,
(2) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 74) Order, 1946,
(3) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 75) Order, 1946,
(4) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 76) Order, 1946, and
(5) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 77) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th January 1947, entitled the Furniture (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 8) Order, 1947.

Copy of Orders,—
(1) dated 18th December 1946, entitled the Control of Timber (No. 43) Order, 1946,
(2) dated 20th December 1946, entitled the Molasses and Industrial Alcohol Order, 1946,
(3) dated 23rd December 1946, entitled the Control of Flax (No. 23) Order, 1946,
(4) dated 23rd December 1946, entitled the Control of Growing Trees and Home Grown Round Timber in the Log (No. 3) Order, 1946,
(5) dated 24th December 1946, entitled the Jute Yarn (Prices) Order, 1946, and

Copy of an Order, dated 14th January 1947, entitled the Umbrellas (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (Revocation) Order, 1947.

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 an Order, dated 31st December 1946, entitled the Siting of Ricks (Revocation) Order, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th January 1947, entitled the Buckwheat, Millet and Canary Seed (Control of Cultivation) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st December 1946, entitled the Kitchen Waste (Licensing of Private Collectors) (Extension No. 2) Order, 1946.

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

Mr. 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) Birmingham Tame and Rea District Drainage Board.
(2) Derwent Valley Water Board.
(3) Ilfracombe Urban District Council.
(4) Wakefield City Council.
(5) Wallsend Town Council.

Copy of the Forty-third Annual Report of the Metropolitan Water Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946.

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Consumer Rationing).

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Raw Materials).

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Collection of Kitchen Waste).
Copy of an Order, dated 7th January 1947, entitled the Cheshire Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th January 1947, entitled the Liver Extract (Regulation of Use) Revocation Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th January 1947, entitled the Dangerous Occurrences (Notification) Regulations, 1947.

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


Copy of an Order, dated 17th January 1947, entitled the Railways (Restriction of Passengers’ Luggage) (Revocation) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 15th January 1947, entitled,—

(1) the Control of Building Operations (No. 8) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Control of Building Operations (Proceedings by Local Authorities) (No. 1) Order, 1947.

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 23rd December, 1946, entitled the Control of Non-Ferrous Metals (No. 20) (Copper, Lead, and Zinc) Order, 1946,
(2) dated 23rd December 1946, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 55) Order, 1946, and
(3) dated 16th January 1947, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 56) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th December 1946, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Superannuation) Regulations, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th December 1946, entitled the Coal Mining (Training and Medical Examination) (No. 2) 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 Orders,—

(1) dated 31st December 1946, entitled the Borough of Beckenham (Spring Park and West Wickham Common) Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1946,
(2) dated 31st December 1946, entitled the Cusworth Common, Farthingdown, Kenley Common and Riddlesdown Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1946,
(3) dated 31st December 1946, entitled the Epping Forest Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1946,
(4) dated 31st December 1946, entitled the Eton Rural (Burnham Beeches) Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1946,
(5) dated 31st December 1946, entitled the Borough of Hornsey (Highgate Wood) Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1946,
(6) dated 31st December 1946, entitled the County Borough of West Ham (West Ham Park) Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1946,
(7) dated 31st December 1946, entitled the Borough of Willesden (Queens Park) Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1946, and

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) (Food).

Orders of,—

(1) dated 17th December 1946, entitled the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food).
(2) dated 21st December 1946, entitled the Food (Non-Priority Allowance) Order, 1946,
(3) dated 16th January 1947, entitled the Soya Flour (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1946,
(4) dated 21st December 1946, entitled the Salmon (Maximum Prices and Distribution) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1946,
(5) dated 23rd December 1946, entitled the Dried Fruits (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1946,
(6) dated 24th December 1946, entitled the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1946,
(7) dated 27th December 1946, entitled the Canned Fish (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1946,
(8) dated 28th December 1946, entitled the Chocolate, Sugar Confectionery and Cocoa Products (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1946,
(9) dated 28th December 1946, entitled the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1946,
(10) dated 28th December 1946, entitled the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1946,
(11) dated 30th December 1946, entitled the Pickles and Sauces Order, 1946,
Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food Rationing).

National Health Insurance.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

- Copies of all the Applications made by the Bank of England for Advances to the Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England for Advances to Government authorised by Parliament, from the 6th day of January 1946 to the 5th day of January 1947, and the Answers of the said Court thereto.

- Account of the Amount of all Exchequer Bank of England. 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 1947: Also, an Account of the Amount of Balances of Sums issued for the Payment of Dividends due and not demanded, and which remained in the hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England on the 4th day of April 1946, the 4th day of July 1946, the 4th day of October 1946 and the 4th day of January 1947.

- Account of the sums received into and paid out of the Herring Marketing Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon:—Also, Audited Statements with respect to the application of Moneys advanced to the Herring Industry Board.

- Account of the Sugar Industry (Research and Education) Fund showing the Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the year ended the 31st day of March 1946: with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Herring Marketing Fund and the Sugar Industry (Research and Education) Fund be printed.

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

- Copy of a Scheme for effecting the union of Benefices of Birmingham, Saint Paul, and the benefice and parish of Birmingham, Saint Mark, both situate in the diocese of Birmingham.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statistics of Trade 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 pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the Captain Snow, Mr. Popplewell: Yeas, 273.
 Tellers for the Commander Agnew, Major Ramsay: Noes, 74.
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.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the Captain Snow, Mr. Popplewell: Yeas, 273.
 Tellers for the Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre, Mr. Challen: Noes, 48.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Statistics of Trade (Money).

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 Statistics of Trade [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 enable certain government departments to obtain more readily the information necessary for the appreciation of economic trends and for the discharge of their functions, to consolidate and amend the law relating to the census of production, to provide for a census of distribution and other services, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred for the purposes of the said Act by the Board of Trade or other competent authority (as defined in the said Act).—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

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.

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported, from the Committee on Transport [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide, amongst other things, for the establishment of a British Transport Commission, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required to fulfil any guarantee by the Treasury of the principal of and interest on stock issued by the said Commission or any other body having functions under the said Act or the principal of or interest on moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Commission or any such body, so, however, that the principal of the stock issued by the said Commission, so far as not issued in respect of compensation payable by virtue of the said Act or for the purpose of redeeming other stock, does not exceed two hundred and fifty million pounds and the moneys temporarily borrowed by the Commission do not at any time exceed twenty-five million pounds;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) the remuneration of any auditor appointed under the said Act to ascertain sums payable to railway and canal undertakers;

(ii) the remuneration of the members and officers and servants of the arbitration tribunal appointed under that Act, the remuneration of any persons to whom proceedings are referred by that tribunal, and any other expenses of the said tribunal;

(iii) fees and allowances to any referee or board of referees appointed under the said Act to decide questions relating to the rights of or in respect of officers and servants, and allowances to witnesses appearing before any such referee or board;

(iv) fees and allowances to persons holding inquiries under the said Act on behalf of the Minister of Transport, and allowances to witnesses appearing at such inquiries;

(v) the remuneration and expenses of additional members of the Transport Tribunal referred to in the said Act;

(vi) any sums becoming payable under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1946, by reason of any provision of the said Act relating to persons who become officers of the Ministry of Transport;

(vii) the administrative expenses incurred in the execution of the said Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department;

(c) the release of any sum owing to the Crown which is released by the operation of any provision of the said Act relating to the agreements made under the Railways Agreement (Powers) Order, 1941, and the Canals Agreement (Powers) Order, 1944, and the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sum which becomes payable by the operation of the said provision;

(d) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received under the said Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department.

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. Pearson);—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-six minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 20th January 1947, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Options and Constitution of Compensation Units) Regulations, 1947.

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 18th January 1947, entitled the Nuts (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport, Captain Crowder, Mr. Alfred Edwards, Mr. Granville, Air-Commodore Harvey, Major Lloyd, Lieutenant-Colonel Morris, Mr. Skinnard, Sir Wavell Wakefield and Mr. Wise; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Assheton, Mr. Dodds-Parker, Lieutenant-Colonel Dewar, Sir David Fyfe, Mr. H. A. Elton, Mr. Michelson, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft and Mr. Wadsworth.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Transport Bill)—Mr. Barnes, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. Byers, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. Dobbs, Mr. Forman, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Gaunton, Mr. Glossop, Mr. Gunter, Mr. Glunvil Hall, Major Haughton, Mr. Hoy, Colonel Hutchinson, Lieutenant-Commander Joynton-Hicks, Mr. Keenan, Brigadier Mackeson, Mr. McLeary, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Monslow, Mr. Percy Morris, Mr. Poole, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Renton, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Robertson, Sir Arthur Salter, Mr. George Strauss and Sir Harvie Watt.

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. Arthur Greenwood); the House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Popplewell: 275.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drefae, Mr. Studholme: 116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Agricultural Wages Committees and Agricultural Wages Board)—(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;
Mr. Tomlinson, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Pensions (Increase) (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 authorise further increases under, and otherwise amend, the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944, and to continue that Act in force as amended, and to authorise increases in pensions to which that Act does not apply, 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 Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1920 and 1924, which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session, operating from such date as may be specified therein—

(a) increasing the limits of means specified in the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920, from one hundred and fifty pounds a year to two hundred pounds a year in the case of an unmarried person (as defined in that Act), and from two hundred pounds a year to two hundred and seventy-five pounds a year in the case of a married person (as so defined);

(b) providing that where a pension is greater than such as can be increased under the said Act of 1920 but less than the amount to which a smaller pension could be increased thereunder, it may be increased to that amount.

—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Statistics of Trade [Money];

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

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

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Road Haulage and Hire Services (Transitional Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 1890), dated 11th November 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 17th day of November last, be annulled—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter) —The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. **Beban**, supported by Mr. Secretary Ede and Mr. **Key**, presented a Bill to alter the maximum annual subscription which county councils may pay to the County Councils Association: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. **Pearson**, reported, from the Committee on Pensions (Increase) [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise further increases under, and otherwise amend, the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944, and to continue that Act in force as amended, and to authorise increases in pensions to which that Act does not apply 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 Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1920 and 1924, which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session, operating from such date as may be specified therein—

(a) increasing the limits of means specified in the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920, from one hundred and fifty pounds a year to two hundred pounds a year in the case of an unmarried person (as defined in that Act), and from two hundred pounds a year to two hundred and seventy-five pounds a year in the case of a married person (as so defined); (b) providing that where a pension is greater than such as can be increased under the said Act of 1920 but less than the amount to which a smaller pension could be increased thereunder, it may be increased to that amount.

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

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

(Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Raising of limits for, and rates of, pensions increases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6, to leave out the word "forty," and insert the word "fifty."—(Mr. **Morley**.)

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

Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.
Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.
A Clause (Increase of limits of income under Act of 1920)—(Mr. Glenvil Hall)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
Title amended.
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, and had amended the Title, as followeth:—A Bill to authorise further increases under, and otherwise amend, the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944, and to continue that Act in force as amended; to authorise further increases under the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920; and to authorise increases in pensions to which that Act does not apply.

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)
Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 4 to 7 agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 6) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, No. 2077), dated 10th December 1946, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of December last, be approved. —(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 7) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O., 1946, Exemptions), No. 2078, dated 10th December 1946, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of December last, be approved. —(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Statistics of Trade and Commodity Surveys (Money) Bill [Money].

(In the Committee.)
Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable certain government departments to obtain more readily the information necessary for the appreciation of economic trends and for the discharge of their functions, to consolidate and amend the law relating to the census of production, to provide for a census of distribution and other services, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any
expenses incurred for the purposes of the said Act by the Board of Trade or other competent authority (as defined in the said Act).

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Worksop, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant January, 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 Stockton-on-Tees, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant January, 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 Bolton, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Electricity and Gas (Reduction of Consumption) Order, 1946 (S. R. & O., 1946, No. 2097), dated 10th December 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 12th day of December last, be annulled.—(Sir John Mellor)
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Boyd-Carpenter: 79
Mr. Hannah: 263

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Coldrich: 61

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-nine minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 33.]

Friday, 24th January, 1947.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of October 1946, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to East Africa, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 24th January 1947, relative to a free gift to the Governments of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, Zanzibar and Northern Rhodesia of certain buildings and equipment surplus to Service requirements in East Africa.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Commentary on the Treaties of Peace with Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland.

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 28th January 1947, entitled—
(1) the Control of Timber (No. 44) (Home-Grown Timber Prices) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Control of Timber (No. 45) (Mining Timber Prices) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th January 1947, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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 Carmarthenshire 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. Barnes presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Raw Materials). Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Utility Furniture).

Mr. William Westwood, Mr. Wilmot, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Belcher, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of development councils to exercise functions for improving or developing the service rendered to the community by industries and for other purposes in relation thereto, for making funds available for certain purposes in relation to industries for which there is no development council, for the disposal of any surplus of funds levied under emergency provision for encouragement of exports, for the making of grants to bodies established for the improvement of the service rendered by industries, and for purposes connected therewith

Industrial Organisation Bill, Bill 29.

MR. GLENVIL HALL, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Vol. 202
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Malta (Reconstruction) 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 the decision of His Majesty's Government to provide a further instalment towards the repair of war damage in Malta, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which fixes a final sum for reconstruction before the total amount of damage has been ascertained."—(Mr. Stanley), 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. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Popplewell;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Statham;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

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 Malta (Reconstruction) [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 assist the government of Malta to meet their liabilities for war damage and other expenses, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) a sum of twenty million pounds to be charged on and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom towards the expenses incurred or to be incurred by the government of Malta in respect of war damage and for other purposes specified in the said Act;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Secretary of State for the purposes of schemes made by him under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts, 1940 and 1945, by reason of any provision in the said Act of the present Session applying those Acts to Malta notwithstanding its possession at any time of responsible government;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Secretary of State by way of interest on or repayment of the principal of any loan made in pursuance of any scheme under section one of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, as applied to Malta as aforesaid.—(Mr. Secretary Jones.)

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 the Order made by the Sunday Entertainment Acts, 1932, to the Urban District of Newton Abbot, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Entertainment Acts, 1932, to the County Borough of Grimsby, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Entertainment Acts, 1932, to the Borough of Tamworth, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Entertainment Acts, 1932, to the County Borough of Grimsby, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 24th January 1947, authorising the temporary application of the Excesses of the Sums realised on account of Appropriations in aid on certain Army Votes for the year 1945–6 towards making good the Deficits in Receipts under Vote r. for the same year.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; that the other Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Papers be printed.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of this instant January, for a Return relative to Trade and Navigation.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Programme for 1947.

Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 31st December 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 January 1947, entitled the Pulse (Control and Prices) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Transport Bill): Mr. Gammans and Lieutenant-Commander Johnsson-Hicks; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Digby and Sir Wavell Wakefield.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the National Health Service (Scotland) Bill): Dr. Stross; and had appointed in substitution Captain Hewitson.

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, on the occasion of His Majesty's departure for the Union of South Africa with Her Majesty the Queen and Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Elizabeth and the Princess Margaret, conveying to His Majesty an assurance that this House will follow Their journey with deep interest and loyal affection.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

Agriculture Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture 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 to-morrow.

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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.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported, from the Committee on Statistics of Trade [Money], a Trade [Money] Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable certain government departments to obtain more readily the information necessary for the appreciation of economic trends and for the discharge of their functions, to consolidate and amend the law relating to the census of production, to provide for a census of distribution and other services, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred for the purposes of the said Act by the Board of Trade or other competent authority (as defined in 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. Robert Taylor) :—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 35—]

Tuesday, 28th January, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Prime Minister presented, by His Burma Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled Conclusions reached in the Conversations between His Majesty's Government and the Delegation from the Executive Council of the Governor of Burma.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Housing Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st December 1946.

Mr. Secretary Westwood also presented, Education pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st January 1947, entitled—

(1) the Educational Conferences (Scotland) Regulations, 1947; and
Mr. Thomas Williams, by His Majesty's Agriculture Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Agriculture [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 (in this Resolution referred to as "the Act") to make further provision for agriculture, it is expedient to authorise—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses of any Minister of the Crown incurred under the Act—

(i) in providing guaranteed prices and assured markets for producers of fat cattle, fat sheep, fat pigs, milk, eggs, wheat, barley, oats, rye, potatoes, sugar beet or other produce specified by Order under the Act;

(ii) in securing good estate management and good husbandry;

(iii) in making contributions to the losses, calculated by reference to estimates or otherwise as provided by the Act, incurred by smallholdings authorities in the provision and management of smallholdings (including expenditure in respect of proposals which are not carried out) of an amount not exceeding three-quarters thereof, in making loans for providing working capital for tenants of smallholdings not exceeding three-quarters of the estimated amount thereof, in making grants or loans to co-operative societies concerned with the conduct of smallholdings, in providing smallholdings, and in the exercise of powers of smallholdings authorities transferred to the Minister;

(iv) in obtaining statistical and other information relating to agriculture (including the payment of allowances to statistics advisory committees):

(v) in acquiring land by agreement or compulsory, and whether by way of purchase, hiring or taking possession;

(vi) in managing, farming or otherwise dealing with land acquired by the Minister as aforesaid and in providing facilities for tenants and workers on land managed by him;

(vii) in making grants for drainage, the improvement of ditches and the supply of water to agricultural land and in making contributions towards the cost of acquiring, transporting and spreading lime;

(viii) in respect of the prevention of damage to agriculture by animals and birds;

(ix) in providing agricultural goods and services;

(x) in defraying the expenses of the Agricultural Land Commission, the Welsh Agricultural Land Sub-Commission, the Agricultural Land Tribunals and the County Agricultural Executive Committees established under the Act and of sub-committees and district committees of the said Committees, and in paying salaries, wages or allowances to members, assessors, officers and servants thereof or thereto and to members of a committee to advise...
Entertainments.

Ways and Means.

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 Sudbury, a copy of which Order was presented on the 23rd day of this instant January, 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 Urban District of Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea, a copy of which Order was presented on the 23rd day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Kettering Rural Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, dated 19th November 1946, a copy of which was presented on the 25th day of November last, be annulled.—(Mr. Walker-Smith):—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 twenty-eight minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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 to His Majesty's Departure for the Union of South Africa.

I have received with great pleasure your Address on the occasion of the departure of the Queen and Myself with Our Daughters for the Union of South Africa.

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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,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the British Overseas Airways Corporation. 24th day of January 1947 on loans raised by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.
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 Urban District of Beaconsfield;
(2) the Urban District of Benfleet, and
(3) the Borough of Bridlington.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Eighty-second Annual Report by the Chief Inspectors under the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act, 1906, for 1939 to 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 25th January 1947, entitled the Rationing (Personal Points) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the dedication of land to forestry purposes; for the deduction from compensation of grants made by the Forestry Commissioners in the event of compulsory purchase of the land in respect of which the grants were made; and for the execution on behalf of the Secretary of State of instruments relating to land placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Forestry 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 Proceedings on the Town and Country Planning Bill 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. Arthur Greenwood.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning 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. Pearson);

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Pearson)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Colonel Ropner Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Agriculture Bill.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mrs. Florence Paton Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Statistics of Trade Bill.

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

Prayers.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 20th January 1947, authorising the temporary application of the Excesses of the Sums realised on Account of Appropriations in Aid on certain Air Votes for the year 1945-46 towards making good the Deficit in Receipts under Vote 1 for the same year.

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

Mr. 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 Urban District of Ashford;
(2) the Urban District of Hucknall,
(3) the Urban District of Rugeley, and
(4) the Rural District of Welwyn.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd January 1947, entitled—
(1) the Supply of Teachers (Emergency Arrangements) (Scotland) Regulations, 1947, and
(2) the Training of Teachers (Scotland) Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Foreign the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Jurisdiction. Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the Town and Country Planning 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 desiring a further measure of Town and Country Planning, declines to give a second reading to a long and complex Bill making great changes in the powers of local authorities, before time has been given to those authorities and other interests vitally affected to study its provisions; which fixes for compensation an arbitrary sum not purporting to be just and not determined by independent inquiry, and lays down no principles for its allocation to individuals; which gives no sufficient indication of the principles to be followed in levying development charges; which continues to provide for the compulsory acquisition of land by reference to a basis of money values which changed conditions have rendered invalid; which makes possible discrimination against proper development by private persons; and which, by leaving for decision by subsequent Orders matters requiring definition in the Bill, will create uncertainty and so will hamper and delay sound development,"—(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.

Tellers for the M. Simmons, 342.
Tellers for the Capt. Snow, 150.

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. William Morrison);

The House divided.

Tellers for the M. Simmons, 342.
Tellers for the Capt. Snow, 150.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

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 Town and Country Planning [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 purpose of any Act of the present Session
to make fresh provision for planning the development and use of land, and for purposes connected therewith (in this resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

A. The charging on the Consolidated Fund of the principal of and interest on stock to be issued under the Act in satisfaction of payments to be made thereunder in respect of interests in land which are depreciated in value by virtue of the provisions of the Act (not exceeding in the aggregate, together with payments to be made by virtue of any corresponding provisions which may be enacted in relation to Scotland, the sum of three hundred million pounds); the charging on and issuing out of that Fund of expenses in connection with the issue and management of any such stock; and the issuing out of that Fund of sums necessary to enable the Central Land Board to be established under the Act (in this resolution referred to as the Board") to pay interest on any such payments pending the satisfaction thereof.

B. The issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of sums necessary to enable the Board to make other payments under the Act in respect of interests in land which are depreciated as aforesaid, being land which has sustained war damage in such circumstances that the appropriate payment under the War Damage Act, 1943, is a value payment, and to pay interest on such payments pending the satisfaction thereof.

C. The raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1930,—

(1) for the purpose of providing sums for the redemption of any such stock as is mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution;

(2) for the purpose of providing sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund as mentioned in paragraph A or paragraph B of this resolution, or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued.

D. The payment by the Board into the Exchequer, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of annual instalments equal in the aggregate to the aggregate amount of—

(1) any such payments as are mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution which are satisfied by the issue of stock; and

(2) any sums issued to the Board out of the Consolidated Fund as mentioned in that paragraph in respect of interest on such payments, together with interest on the said aggregate amount; and the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums so paid into the Exchequer, and their application 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. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses incurred by the Minister of Town and Country Planning (in this resolution referred to as "the Minister") in making grants, in accordance with regulations made under the Act, as follows, that is to say:—

(1) grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities under the Act or under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, in connection with the acquisition and clearing of land acquired or appropriated by those authorities for or in connection with the redevelopment of areas as a whole, or for the purpose of bringing derelict land into use (including sums paid by those authorities by way of compensation or otherwise in connection with any restriction on the development or use of such land imposed by or under any enactment), not exceeding—

(a) in the case of land acquired or appropriated for the redevelopment as a whole of areas of extensive war damage, or for the relocation of population or industry or the replacement of open space in the course of such redevelopment, ninety per cent. of the annual costs incurred or treated in accordance with regulations as being incurred by the said authorities in respect of the borrowing of money to defray expenditure in respect of which the grants are made;

(b) in the case of any other land, eighty per cent. of the said annual costs;

(2) grants to local authorities—

(a) in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities in the payment of compensation (other than compensation for the acquisition of land) under the provisions of the Act in that behalf;

(b) in respect of loss incurred by those authorities in connection with the acquisition and clearing of land other than such land as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph (including sums paid by those authorities by way of compensation or otherwise in connection with any restriction on the development or use of such land imposed by or under any enactment), not exceeding sixty per cent. of the amount of the expenditure or loss in respect of which the grants are made;

(3) grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities (including expenditure incurred by joint committees of which those authorities were constituent authorities) under subsection (4) of section ten of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, or under that subsection as applied by section four of the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Act, 1943, or under subsection (2) of section seven of the said Act of 1943, in connection with applications for permission to develop land dealt with after the eleventh day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-three, or in respect of the revocation or modification, after that date, of any permission to develop land whether granted before or after that date.

F. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the following expenditure, that is to say:—

(1) the remuneration and allowances of members, officers and servants of the Board, and any administrative expenses incurred by the Board for the purposes of the Act;

(2) any expenses of the Minister in connection with the making or amendment of a
development plan under the provisions of the Act in that behalf;

(3) any expenses incurred by any Minister or by the Board in the acquisition of land under powers conferred in that behalf by the Act, other than expenses so incurred which are required to be defrayed out of the Road Fund;

(4) any sums authorised or required to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament by virtue of any of the provisions of sections nineteen to thirty of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, as incorporated with the Act;

(5) any additional expenditure incurred by any Minister in the payment of compensation under section twenty-four of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, by reason of the provisions of the Act amending that section;

(6) any expenses incurred by the Minister of Transport (other than expenses incurred in the construction or improvement of roads) under the provisions of the Act relating to the stopping up or diversion of highways;

(7) any sums payable into the Road Fund for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Minister of Transport which are payable out of that fund by virtue of any of the provisions of the Act;

(8) any sums required by the Board for the repayment, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, of sums received by the Board in respect of development charges (including sums received by the Board in lieu of such charges under the provisions of the Act relating to land of local authorities and of development corporations established under the New Towns Act, 1946) or for making contributions towards compensation payable by local authorities under the Act;

(9) any expenses incurred by any Minister or by the Board in the payment of compensation for damage caused in the exercise of any power of entry conferred under the Act;

(10) any expenses of the Minister in the payment of remuneration and allowances to the chairman and members of any tribunal, or in the payment of the expenses of any advisory committee, established for the purposes of the Act or of regulations made thereunder;

(11) any administrative expenses incurred by the Minister for the purposes of the Act.

G. The payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Board in respect of the disposal of land acquired by the Board under powers conferred in that behalf by the Act and of any sums received by the Board, in accordance with arrangements made under the Act in respect of Crown Land, in substitution for development charges thereunder—(Mr. Silkin);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Captain Snow, Yeas, Mr. Simmons.

Major Conant, Noes, Major Ramsey.

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision for planning the development and use of land, and for purposes connected therewith (in this resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

A. The charging on the Consolidated Fund of the principal and interest on stock to be issued under the Act in satisfaction of payments to be made thereunder in respect of interests in land which are depreciated in value by virtue of the provisions of the Act not exceeding in the aggregate together with payments to be made by virtue of any corresponding provisions which may be enacted in relation to Scotland, the sum of three hundred million pounds; the charging on and issuing out of that Fund of expenses in connection with the issue and management of any such stock; and the issuing out of that Fund of sums necessary to enable the Central Land Board to be established under the Act (in this resolution referred to as "the Board") to pay interest on any such payments pending the satisfaction thereof.

B. The issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of sums necessary to enable the Board to make other payments under the Act in respect of interests in land which are depreciated as aforesaid, being land which has sustained war damage in such circumstances that the appropriate payment under the War Damage Act, 1943, is a value payment, and to pay interest on such payments pending the satisfaction thereof.

C. The raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939,—

(1) for the purpose of providing sums for the redemption of any such stock as is mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution;

(2) for the purpose of providing sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund as mentioned in paragraph A or paragraph B of this resolution, or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued.

D. The payment by the Board into the Exchequer, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of annual instalments equal in the aggregate to the aggregate amount of—

(1) any such payments as are mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution which are satisfied by the issue of stock; and

(2) any sums issued to the Board out of the Consolidated Fund as mentioned in that paragraph in respect of interest on such payments, together with interest on the said aggregate amount; and the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums so paid into the Exchequer, and their application 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. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses incurred by the Minister of Town and Country Planning (in this resolution referred to as "the Minister") in making grants, in accordance with regulations made under the Act, as follows, that is to say:—

(1) grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities under the Act or under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, in connection with the acquisition and clearing of land

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acquired or appropriated by those authorities for or in connection with the redevelopment of areas as a whole, or for the purpose of bringing derelict land into use (including sums paid by those authorities by way of compensation or otherwise in connection with any restriction on the development or use of such land imposed by or under any enactment), not exceeding:

(a) in the case of land acquired or appropriated for the redevelopment as a whole of areas of extensive war damage, or for the relocation of population or industry or the replacement of open space in the course of such redevelopment, ninety per cent. of the annual costs incurred or treated in accordance with regulations as being incurred by the said authorities in respect of the borrowing of money to defray expenditure in respect of which the grants are made;

(b) in the case of any other land, eighty per cent. of the said annual costs;

(2) grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities in the payment of compensation (other than compensation for the acquisition of land) under the provisions of the Act in that behalf;

(3) any expenses incurred by any Minister or by the Board in the acquisition of land under powers conferred in that behalf by the Act, other than expenses so incurred which are required to be defrayed out of the Road Fund;

(4) any sums authorised or required to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament by virtue of any of the provisions of sections nineteen to thirty of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, as incorporated with the Act;

(5) any additional expenditure incurred by any Minister in the payment of compensation under section twenty-four of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, by reason of the provisions of the Act amending that section;

(6) any expenses incurred by the Minister of Transport (other than expenses incurred in the construction or improvement of roads) under the provisions of the Act relating to the stopping up or diversion of highways;

(7) any sums payable into the Road Fund for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Minister of Transport which are payable out of that fund by virtue of any of the provisions of the Act;

(8) any sums required by the Board for the repayment, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, of sums received by the Board in respect of development charges (including sums received by the Board in lieu of such charges under the provisions of the Act relating to land of local authorities and of development corporations established under the New Towns Act, 1966) or for making contributions towards compensation payable by local authorities under the Act;

(9) any expenses incurred by any Minister or by the Board in the payment of compensation for damage caused in the exercise of any power of entry conferred under the Act;

(10) any expenses of the Minister in the payment of remuneration and allowances to the chairman and members of any tribunal, or in the payment of the expenses of any advisory committee, established for the purposes of the Act or of regulations made thereunder;

(11) any administrative expenses incurred by the Minister for the purposes of the Act.

G. The payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Board in respect of the disposal of land acquired by the Board under powers conferred in that behalf by the Act and of any sums received by the Board, in accordance with arrangements made under the Act in respect of Crown Land, in substitution for development charges thereunder.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(Extracts from Hansard)

**Ways and Means.**

**Town and Country Planning**

**Resolved,** That, under any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision for planning the development and use of land, and for purposes connected therewith—

1. There shall be charged, in respect of the carrying out on land of operations for the carrying out of which planning permission is required under the said Act, and in respect of uses of land for the institution of which such permission is so required, and in respect of the retention on land of buildings or works, or the continuance of uses of land, in accordance with planning permission granted under the said Act, such development charges (or in the case of land acquired or appropriated by local authorities for the development or redevelopment of any area as a whole, or land acquired by development corporations under the New Towns Act, 1946, such sums in lieu of development charges) as may be determined in accordance with the provisions of the said Act;

2. There shall be paid into the Exchequer any sums received by the Central Land Board to be established under the said Act in respect of such development charges or other sums as aforesaid.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

**Coal Industry.**

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Consumers' Councils) Regulations, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946, No. 2129), dated 13th December 1946, be annulled (Mr. Boyd-Carpenter);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter and Sir John Mellor: 51.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Henderson and Mr. Popplewell: 193.

So it passed in the Negative.

Adjournment.

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

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

**Friday, 31st January, 1947.**

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

1. The Urban District of Bridgend,
2. The Rural District of Etton,
3. The Urban District of Oakham, and
4. The Urban District of Whitley.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Navy (Pay, Pensions, &c.) Supply and Services (Transitional Powers) of an Order in Council, dated 29th January 1947, approving an Admiralty Memorial praying sanction to the grant of Machinery Allowance to Stoker Petty Officers.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th January 1947, revoking Regulation 58AAA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th January 1947, entitled the Upholstery Cloth (Utility) (No. 11) Directions, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 28th January 1947, entitled the Limitation of Supplies (Toys and Indoor Games) (No. 5) Order, 1947.

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

Copy of an Order, dated 27th January 1947, entitled the Control of Willow Rods and Willow Sticks (No. 6) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Nurses, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th January 1947, entitled the Nurses Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, by His Majesty's United Nations Command,—Copy of a Report of the Preparatory Commission on World Food Proposals, Organisation.

Copy of a Summary of the Report of the Preparatory Commission on World Food Proposals.

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

The Isle of Man Harbours Bill (Lords) was Isle of Man read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Bill 33.
Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Isaacs, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Secretary Bellenger, Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, Mr. Wilfred Paling and Mr. Oliver, presented a Bill to provide for the application of the Royal Warrant as to pensions, &c., for the military forces to certain Polish forces, to enable the Assistance Board to meet the needs of, and to provide accommodation in camps or other establishments for, certain Poles and others associated with Polish forces, to provide for their requirements as respects health and educational services, to provide for making arrangements and meeting expenses in connection with their emigration, to modify as respects the Polish resettlement forces and past members of certain Polish forces provisions relating to the service of aliens in the forces of the Crown, and for purposes connected therewith and consequential thereon: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Malta (Reconstruction) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of the present Session to assist the government of Malta to meet their liabilities for war damage and other expenses, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) a sum of twenty million pounds to be charged on and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom towards the expenses incurred or to be incurred by the government of Malta in respect of war damage and for other purposes specified in the said Act;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Secretary of State for the purposes of such schemes made by him under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts, 1940 and 1945, by reason of any provision in the said Act of the present Session applying those Acts to Malta notwithstanding its possession at any time of responsible government;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Secretary of State by way of interest on or repayment of any loan made in pursuance of any scheme under section one of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, as applied to Malta as aforesaid.

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

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

Clause No. 1 amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 2. (Accounts, estimates and payments.)

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

Provided that, in the account showing the manner in which the last of the sums received by the Government of Malta, under this Act, has been expended, the Government of Malta shall show the amount (if any) of the expenses still to be incurred for the purposes of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of section one of this Act”—(Brigadier Mackeson.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Bill:

Yea,—Mr. Joseph Henderson, 106.

Noes,—Mr. Coldrick: 49.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 and 4 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 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. CLIFFON BROWN, Speaker.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (South Africa) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 21st day of this instant January.—(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.

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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.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Beaconsfield, a copy of which Order was presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Benfleet, a copy of which Order was presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.
Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Bridlington, a copy of which Order was presented on the 29th day of this instant January, be approved.

—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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—(Mr. Michael Stewart):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Four of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last as applied by the Order made upon the 12th day of November last; it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 39.]

Monday, 3rd February, 1947.

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

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 31st January 1947, in pursuance of the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1897, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Vote for the Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

Abstract Account showing the issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, for the Interest and Management of the Debt, for the Civil List, and all other Issues in the financial year for services charged directly on the said Fund, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Bellenger presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936.

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

Mr. Secretary 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 1947.

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 28th January 1947, entitled the Aluminium Hollow-ware (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.


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 1943.

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


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Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—(1) dated 27th January 1947, entitled the Imported Canned Fish (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947, and

(2) dated 28th January 1947, entitled the Glucose (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of the Final Report of the Committee on Procedure in Matrimonial Causes.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 1943.

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 December 1946 as Investments for Moneys, forming part of (a) the National Health Insurance Funds for England, Wales and Scotland respectively, (b) the Central Fund and (c) the Unemployment Arrears Fund, paid over to them under subsection (1) of Section 158 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1936.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the Matter of the Complaint made upon the 10th day of December last by Mr. Bowles, Member for the County of Warwick (Nuneaton Division), that Mr. Piratin, Member for the Borough of Stepney (Mile End Division),...
had been assaulted in the precincts of the House by a stranger, together with the Reports received by the Sergeant at Arms upon the facts relating to the alleged assault, that they had considered the matter to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Mr. Matthews reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C. (Added in respect of the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Bill): Mr. Drayson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Prescott.

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

Mr. Robert Hudson reported from the Committee on Agriculture (Money), a Resolution which was read as followeth:

"For the purposes of any Act of the present Session (in this Resolution referred to as the Act) to make further provision for agriculture, it is expedient to authorise:

(i) in providing guaranteed prices and assured markets for producers of fat cattle, fat sheep, fat pigs, milk, eggs, wheat, barley, oats, rye, potatoes, sugar beet or other produce specified by order under the Act;
(ii) in securing good estate management and good husbandry;
(iii) in making contributions to the losses, calculated by reference to estimates or otherwise as provided by the Act, incurred by smallholdings authorities in the provision and management of smallholdings (including expenditure in respect of proposals which are not carried out) of an amount not exceeding three-quarters thereof, in making loans for providing working capital for tenants of smallholdings not exceeding three-quarters of the estimated amount thereof, in making grants or loans to co-operative societies concerned with the conduct of smallholdings, in providing smallholdings, and in the exercise of powers of smallholdings authorities transferred to the Minister;
(iv) in obtaining statistical and other information relating to agriculture (including the payment of allowances to statistics advisory committees);
(v) in acquiring land by agreement or compulsorily, and whether by way of purchase, hiring or taking possession;
(vi) in making grants for providing smallholdings, and in making contributions towards the cost of acquiring, transporting and spreading lime;
(vii) in respect of the prevention of damage to agriculture by animals and birds;
(viii) in providing agricultural goods and services;
(x) in defraying the expenses of the Agriculture Land Commission, the Welsh Agricultural Land Sub-Commission, the Agricultural Land Tribunals, and of the County Agricultural Executive Committees established under the Act and of sub-committees and district committees of the said Committees, and in paying salaries, wages or allowances to members, assessors, officers and servants thereof or thereto and to members of a committee to advise on the calculation of compensation for tenants' improvements on agricultural holdings.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. (Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Mr. Thomas Williams reported from the Committee on Agriculture (Money), a Resolution which was read as followeth:

"That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session (in this Resolution referred to as the Act) to make further provision for agriculture, it is expedient to authorise:

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses of any Minister of the Crown incurred under the Act—
(i) in providing guaranteed prices and assured markets for producers of fat cattle, fat sheep, fat pigs, milk, eggs, wheat, barley, oats, rye, potatoes, sugar beet or other produce specified by order under the Act;
(ii) in securing good estate management and good husbandry;
(iii) in making contributions to the losses, calculated by reference to estimates or otherwise as provided by the Act, incurred by smallholdings authorities in the provision and management of smallholdings (including expenditure in respect of proposals which are not carried out) of an amount not exceeding three-quarters thereof, in making loans for providing working capital for tenants of smallholdings not exceeding three-quarters of the estimated amount thereof, in making grants or loans to co-operative societies concerned with the conduct of smallholdings, in providing smallholdings, and in the exercise of powers of smallholdings authorities transferred to the Minister;
(iv) in obtaining statistical and other information relating to agriculture (including the payment of allowances to statistics advisory committees);
(v) in acquiring land by agreement or compulsorily, and whether by way of purchase, hiring or taking possession;
(vi) in managing, farming, or otherwise dealing with land acquired by the Minister as aforesaid and in providing facilities for tenants and workers on land managed by him;
(vii) in making grants for providing smallholdings, and in making contributions towards the cost of acquiring, transporting and spreading lime;
(viii) in respect of the prevention of damage to agriculture by animals and birds;
(ix) in providing agricultural goods and services;
(x) in defraying the expenses of the Agriculture Land Commission, the Welsh Agricultural Land Sub-Commission, the Agricultural Land Tribunals, and of the County Agricultural Executive Committees established under the Act and of sub-committees and district committees of the said Committees, and in paying salaries, wages or allowances to members, assessors, officers and servants thereof or thereto and to members of a committee to advise on the calculation of compensation for tenants' improvements on agricultural holdings.

B. The payment into the Exchequer of any receipts under the Act of a Minister of the Crown or the said Agricultural Land Commission or any other persons exercising functions on behalf of a Minister of the Crown.

C. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums which apart from the Act would be authorised to be paid out of the Small Holdings and Allotments Account, and the payment into the Exchequer of any sums which apart from the Act would be authorised to be paid into that Account and of any balance in that Account at the date of the winding up thereof under the Act.

D. The release, in consideration of the transfer to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of land, or land and other property, belonging to land settlement associations, of debts due to the said Minister from such associations.

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

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

Captain Snow reported from the Committee on Agriculture (Money), a Resolution which was read as followeth:

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farming thereof, as if the Minister or the said person were a tenant, the recipient of the payments were the lessor, and the payments were rent.

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

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 Ashford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of January last, 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 Hucknall, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of January last, 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 Rural District of Welwyn, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

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

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

Tuesday, 4th February, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

A BILL to constitute The Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust and to make provision with respect to its property and funds; to incorporate the Governing Body of The Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust; to revoke the Deed of Trust made by the Cotton Control Board by James Stanley Addison Esquire then described as of St. James's Buildings Oxford Street in the City of Manchester a member of the said Board and the Board of Trade relating to the Cotton Trade War Memorial Fund; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to validate past sales of the Felixstowe Pier undertaking; to authorise future sales thereof; to make further provision for the finance of the said undertaking; to provide for the revision of the authorised rates; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the transfer to the Urban District Council of Felixstowe of the Pier authorised by the Felixstowe Pier Order 1900; to confer further powers on the Council in regard to their pier and electricity undertakings lands 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 confirm the construction of certain Helston and Porthleven Water Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the London County Council and other authorities; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company to construct railways and works and to acquire lands; to confer powers upon the Great Northern and London and North Western Joint Committee; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the London and North Eastern Railway Company to construct railways a widening of railway and other works and to acquire lands; to extend the time for the completion of certain works and for the compulsary purchase of certain lands; to confer further powers on the Company; to dissolve the Hull South Bridge Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the London Passenger Transport Board to construct new works; to acquire lands; to abandon an unconstructed portion of a work; to confer further financial powers on the Whitechapel and Bow Railway Company; 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 Nottingham and Citizens of the city of Nottingham and county of the same city to construct waterworks and to provide and work trolley vehicles on further routes; to make further provision with regard to the water and transport undertakings of the said Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens; to provide for the transfer to them of the Yarn and Textile Testing Bureau of the University College of Nottingham; to make further financial provision; and for
other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to increase the harbour tolls dock rates and market tolls leviable by the Corporation of Preston; to confer powers upon the Corporation with reference to the development of certain lands and the acquisition of other lands; to make further provision with regard to the water transport electricity and markets undertakings of the Corporation and the health improvement local government and finances of the borough of Preston; 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 upon the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Swindon in regard to lands and to make further and better provision in reference to the improvement health local government and finances of the borough for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Secretary Bellenger presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further numbers required to be voted for the Army for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947.

Ordered, That the said Estimate 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 a Statute made by the University of Oxford, on the 26th day of November 1946, amending the Statutes of the University.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled A Plan for the Mechanized Production of Groundnuts in East and Central Africa.

Mr. Strachey also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 30th January 1947, entitled the Edible Gelatine (Control) Order, 1947,

(2) dated 30th January 1947, entitled the Meat Products and Canned Meat (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947, and

(3) dated 31st January 1947, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 30th January 1947, entitled the Food Rationing (General Licence) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Gunter, Mr. Asterley Jones, Mr. William Paling, Mr. Shennstone-Lodge, Mr. George Thomas and Mr. Yates; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alpass, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Ganley, Mr. Paget, Mr. Price and Mr. Charles Smith.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee; That they had added the following twenty-nine Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Agriculture Bill): Sir John Barlow, Mr. George Brown, Mr. Coldrich, Mr. Collicth, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Harold Davies, Sir Thomas Dugdale, Mr. Dye, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Gosch, Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton; Mr. Holmes, Mr. Hurst, Mr. Jeger, Lieutenant-Commander Joyson-Hicks, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Lady Noel-Buxton, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Pearl, Mr. Envy Roberts, Mr. Stubbs, Mr. George Wallace, Mr. Gerald Williams, Mr. Thomas Williams, Lord Willsby de Eresby, Major Wise and Mr. York.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee; That they had added the following twenty-nine Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Town and Country Planning Bill): Mr. Braddock, Major Bruce, Mr. Gammans, Professor Graftydd, Mr. Irving, Dr. Jeger, Mr. McGhee, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Mr. Medland, Mr. Medlicott, Mr. Molson, Mr. Williams Morrison, Mr. Francis Noel-Baker, Mr. Purdler, Mr. Paton, Mr. Thomas Reid, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Henry Straus, Mr. Walker-Smith, and Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee; That they had added the following twenty-nine Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Town and Country Planning Bill): Mr. Belcher, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Corlett, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Gage, Major Gates, Mr. Glennie Hall, Sir Patrick Hannon, Mr. Harr, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Key, Lady Megan Lloyd George, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Ronald Mackay, Commander Mailland, Mr. Fred Marshall, Mrs. Middleton, Mr. Piratin, Mr. Sharrmer, Mr. Silkin, Mr. Sparks, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Thornton-Kemsley, Mr. Viant, Mr. West, Colonel Wheatley and Mrs. Wills.

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 House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Dugdale, supported by Mr. Walter Edwards, presented a Bill to authorise deductions under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1895, for the maintenance of wives and children; to restrict the discontinuance of allotments of pay; and for the increase of the salaries of the Navy and Marine Pensioners.
Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings in Committee on Electricity [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood) Sir Arthur Young.

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

Tellers for the
Mr. Simmons;
Yeas, 264.

Mr. Popplewell;
Tellers for the
Major Conant;
Noes, 125.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, to add the words “upon this day six months”;

And the Question being again proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

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

Tellers for the
Mr. Hannan;
Yeas, 340.

Mr. Popplewell;
Tellers for the
Mr. James Stewart;
Noes, 165.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn;

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. Robert Hudson);

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

Tellers for the
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn,
Yeas, 169.

Sir Arthur Young;
Tellers for the
Mr. Hannan;
Noes, 330.

Mr. Popplewell;

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 Electricity [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, amongst other things, for the establishment of a British Electricity Authority and Area Electricity Boards and for the exercise and performance by that Authority and those Boards and the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board of functions relating to the supply of electricity, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required to fulfil any guarantee by the Treasury of the principal of and interest on stock issued by the said Authority or the principal of and interest on moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Authority or any Area Electricity Board, so, however, that the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of the stock so issued, otherwise than for the purpose of paying compensation under the said Act, and in respect of any moneys temporarily borrowed as aforesaid do not at any time exceed the sum of seven hundred million pounds, excluding amounts outstanding in respect of stock issued or moneys temporarily borrowed for the purpose of redeeming stock or repaying moneys temporarily borrowed;

(b) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required to fulfil any guarantee by the Treasury of the principal of and interest on any loan raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, or of either the principal thereof or the interest thereon, so, however, that the aggregate of the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of any stock issued for the purpose of raising any such loan (other than stock issued to the British Electricity Authority in respect of compensation paid by that Authority under the said Act) and of any moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Board do not at any time exceed the sum of one hundred million pounds, excluding stock issued and moneys temporarily borrowed for the purpose of redeeming stock or repaying moneys temporarily borrowed;

(c) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) remuneration and allowances to, and expenses of, stockholders' representatives appointed under the said Act;

(ii) remuneration and allowances to any auditor appointed under the said Act to ascertain sums payable to stockholders' representatives;

(iii) remuneration and allowances to members and officers of the arbitration tribunal appointed under the said Act and to persons to whom proceedings are referred by that tribunal, and any other expenses of that tribunal;

(iv) fees and allowances to any referee or board of referees appointed under the said Act to decide questions relating to the rights of or in respect of officers, and allowances to witnesses appearing before any referee or board;

(v) pensions to persons who have been Electricity Commissioners or officers of the Electricity Commissioners;

(vi) the administrative expenses incurred under the said Act by any
Minister of the Crown or Government department;
(d) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received under or by virtue of the said Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 25, to leave out the word "seven," and insert the word "four."—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

Question put, That the word "seven," stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Michael Stewart, 287.
Mr. Popplewell:
Tellers for the
Commander Agnew, 122.
Major Conant:

Main Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide, amongst other things, for the establishment of a British Electricity Board and Area Electricity Boards and for the exercise and performance of the powers and duties aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise:

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required to fulfil any guarantee by the Treasury of the principal of and interest on stock issued by the said Authority or the principal of and interest on moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Authority or any Area Electricity Board, so, however, that the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of the stock so issued, otherwise than for the purpose of paying compensation under the said Act, and in respect of any moneys temporarily borrowed, as aforesaid do not at any time exceed the sum of seven hundred million pounds, excluding amounts outstanding in respect of stock issued or moneys temporarily borrowed for the purpose of redeeming stock or repaying moneys temporarily borrowed;
(b) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required to fulfil any guarantee by the Treasury of the principal of and interest on any loan raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, or of either the principal thereof or the interest thereon, so, however, that the aggregate of the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of any stock issued for the purpose of raising any such loan (other than stock issued to the British Electricity Authority in respect of compensation paid by that Authority under the said Act) and of any moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Board do not at any time exceed the sum of one hundred million pounds excluding stock issued and moneys temporarily borrowed for the purpose of redeeming stock or repaying moneys temporarily borrowed;
(c) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—
(i) remuneration and allowances to, and expenses of, stockholders' representatives appointed under the said Act;
(ii) remuneration and allowances to any auditor appointed under the said Act to ascertain sums payable to stockholders' representatives;
(iii) remuneration and allowances to members and officers of the arbitration tribunal appointed under the said Act and to persons to whom proceedings are referred by that tribunal, and any other expenses of that tribunal;
(iv) fees and allowances to any referee or board of referees appointed under the said Act to decide questions relating to the rights of or in respect of officers, and allowances to witnesses appearing before any referee or board;
(v) pensions to persons who have been Electricity Commissioners or officers of the Electricity Commissioners;
(vi) the administrative expenses incurred under the said Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department;
(d) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received under or by virtue of the said Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department.

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 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 Whitby, a copy of which Order was presented on the 31st day of January last, 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 Oakham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 31st day of January last, 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 Bridgend, a copy of which Order was presented on the 31st day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Snow); And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 5th February, 1947:
And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker yesterday allocated the Town and Country Planning Bill to Standing Committee D.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker yesterday appointed Mr. Touche Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Town and Country Planning Bill.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to National Insurance. the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th January 1947, entitled the National Insurance (Increase of Contributory Pensions) Amendment Regulations, 1947.

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:

Accounts of the House of Commons Members’ Fund for the year ended the 30th day of September 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and 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 with respect to Scotland for planning the development and use of land, for the grant of permission to develop land and for other powers of control over the use of land; to confer on public authorities additional powers in respect of the acquisition and development of land for planning and other purposes, and to amend the law relating to compensation in respect of the compulsory acquisition of land; to provide for payments out of central funds in respect of depreciation occasioned by planning restrictions; to secure the recovery for the benefit of the community of development charges in respect of certain new development; to provide for the payment of grants out of central funds in respect of expenses of local planning authorities in connection with matters aforesaid; 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 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. Arthur Greenwood.)

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

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Town and Country Planning

That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision for planning the development and use of land, and for purposes connected therewith (in this resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

A. The charging on the Consolidated Fund of the principal of and interest on stock to be issued under the Act in satisfaction of payments to be made thereunder in respect of payments to be made by virtue of the provisions of the Act (not exceeding in the aggregate, together with payments made thereunder in respect of interest on such payments pending the satisfaction thereof).

B. The issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of sums necessary to enable the Board to make other payments under the Act in respect of interests in land which are depreciated in value by virtue of the provisions of the Act (not exceeding in the aggregate, together with payments made thereunder in respect of interest on such payments pending the satisfaction thereof).

C. The raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939—

(1) for the purpose of providing sums for the redemption of any such stock as is mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution;

(2) for the purpose of providing sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund as mentioned in paragraph A or paragraph B of this resolution, or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued.

D. The payment by the Board into the Exchequer, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of annual instalments equal in the aggregate to the aggregate amount of—

(1) any such payments as are mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution which are satisfied by the issue of stock; and

(2) any sums issued to the Board out of the Consolidated Fund as mentioned in that paragraph in respect of interest on such payments, together with interest on the said aggregate amount; and the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums so paid into the Exchequer, and their application 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. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses incurred by the Minister of Town and Country Planning (in this resolution referred to as "the Minister") in making grants, in accordance with regulations made under the Act, as follows, that is to say:

(1) grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities under the Act or under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, in connection with the acquisition and clearing of land acquired or appropriated by those authorities for or in connection with the redevelopment of areas as a whole, or for the purpose of bringing derelict land into use (including sums paid by those authorities by way of compensation, or otherwise in connection with any restriction on the development or use of such land imposed by or under any enactment), not exceeding sixty per cent. of the amount of the expenditure or loss in respect of which the grants are made;

(2) in the case of any other land, eighty per cent. of the said annual costs;

(3) grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities (excluding expenditure incurred by joint committees of which those authorities were constituent authorities) under subsection (4) of section ten of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, or under that subsection as applied by section four of the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Act, 1943, or under subsection (2) of section seven of the said Act of 1943, in connection with applications for permission to develop land dealt with after the eleventh day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-three, or in respect of the revocation or modification, after that date, of any permission to develop land whether granted before or after that date.

F. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the following expenditure, that is to say:

(1) the remuneration and allowances of members, officers and servants of the
Board, and any administrative expenses incurred by the Board for the purposes of the Act;

(2) any expenses of the Minister in connection with the making or amendment of a development plan under the provisions of the Act in that behalf;

(3) any expenses incurred by any Minister or by the Board in the acquisition of land under powers conferred in that behalf by the Act, other than expenses so incurred which are required to be defrayed out of the Road Fund;

(4) any sums authorised or required to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament by virtue of any of the provisions of sections nineteen to thirty of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, as incorporated with the Act;

(5) any additional expenditure incurred by any Minister in the payment of compensation under section twenty-four of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, by reason of the provisions of the Act amending that section;

(6) any expenses incurred by the Minister of Transport (other than expenses incurred in the construction or improvement of roads) under the provisions of the Act relating to the stopping up or diversion of highways;

(7) any sums payable into the Road Fund for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Minister of Transport which are payable out of that fund by virtue of any of the provisions of the Act;

(8) any sums required by the Board for the repayment, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, of sums received by the Board in respect of development charges (including sums received by the Board in lieu of such charges under the provisions of the Act relating to land of local authorities and of development corporations established under the New Towns Act, 1946) or for making contributions towards compensation payable by local authorities under the Act;

(9) any expenses incurred by any Minister or by the Board in the payment of compensation for damage caused in the exercise of any power of entry conferred under the Act;

(10) any expenses of the Minister in the payment of remuneration and allowances to the chairman and members of any tribunal, or in the payment of the expenses of any advisory committee, established for the purposes of the Act or of regulations made thereunder;

(11) any administrative expenses incurred by the Minister for the purposes of the Act.

G. The payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Board in respect of the disposal of land acquired by the Board under powers conferred in that behalf by the Act and of any sums received by the Board, in accordance with arrangements made under the Act in respect of Crown Land, in substitution for development charges thereunder.

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 30th day of January last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Town and Country Planning.

That, under any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision for planning the development and use of land, and for purposes connected therewith—

(1) There shall be charged, in respect of the carrying out on land of operations for the carrying out of which planning permission is required under the said Act, and in respect of uses of land for the institution of which such permission is so required, and in respect of the retention on land of buildings or works, or the continuance of uses of land, in accordance with planning permission granted under the said Act, such development charges (or in the case of land acquired or appropriated by local authorities for the development or redevelopment of any area as a whole, or land acquired by development corporations under the New Towns Act, 1946) or such sums in lieu of development charges as may be determined in accordance with the provisions of the said Act;

(2) There shall be paid into the Exchequer any sums received by the Central Land Board to be established under the said Act in respect of such development charges or other sums as aforesaid.

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

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

(Captain Snow.)

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

[No. 42.]

_Thursday, 6th February, 1947._

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 the Right Honourable Ellen Cecily Wilkinson, Member for the County of Durham (Jarrow 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 Right Honourable Member.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Great 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 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Final Act and Agreement of the Intergovernmental Conference on the adoption of a Travel Document for Refugees, signed at London on the 15th day of October 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Bellenger 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 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill.

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 1st February 1947, entitled the Curtain Cloth (Utility) (No. 8) Directions, 1947.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to

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 3rd February 1947, entitled the Sanitary Fireclay Ware (Prices) Order, 1947.

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 1st February 1947, entitled the Coal Tar Products Prices Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Burden reported from Standing Committee C, that they had gone through the Civic Restaurants 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.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had added the following Member to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Agriculture Bill) : Mr. Gallacher.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Bill) : Mr. Chetwynd ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hutchinson.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C : Mr. Baird, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Champion, Mr. Gilzean, and Mr. Popplewell; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Boardman, Mr. Delargy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Sydney Silverman and Mr. Walker.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D (in respect of the Town and Country Planning Bill) : Mr. Corlett; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Nally.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had appointed the following Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee E : Mr. William Adams, Miss Bacon, Mr. Beechman, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Mr. Elliot, Mr. John Foster, Commander Galbraith, Mr. Goodrich, Sir Arnold Gridley, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Hobson, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Robert Hudson, Mr. John Lewis, Mr. Hopkins Morris, Mr. William Paling, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Ellis Smith and Mr. Yates.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee E (in respect of the Electricity Bill) : Mr. Birch, Mr. Blyton, Mr. Bowker, Mr. Carmichael, Colonel Clarke, Mr. Cook, Colonel Crossthwaite-Lyre, Mr. Davies, Mr. Peter Freeman, Mr. Gaitskell, Mr. Glenval Hall, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. McKie, Mr. Mihardo, Mr. Murray, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Pickthorn, Major Poole, Mr. George Porter, Mr. Raikes, Major Roberts, Mr. Shinwell, Mr. Symonds, Mr. David Thomas, Mr. Ivor Owen Thomas, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Colonel Wigg and Mr. John Williams.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by the House to the Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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.

Adjournment.

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

(Mr. Joseph Henderson) :—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 23rd day of November last, it being then twenty-nine 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 allocated the Electricity Bill to Standing Committee E.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Bowles Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Electricity Bill.

[No. 43.]

Friday, 7th February, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. 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 1946, 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,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 3rd February 1947, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 3) Order, 1947,
(2) dated 3rd February 1947, entitled the Photographic Film (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947, and
(3) dated 4th February 1947, entitled the Narrow Fabrics (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd February 1947, entitled the Factories Act Holidays (Different Days for Different Sets) Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 4th February 1947, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme, 1947.

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

The Appellate Jurisdiction Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Attorney General, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Appellate Jurisdiction [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 authorise the appointment of additional Lords of Appeal in Ordinary, it is expedient to authorise the charging on and payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any amount by which the sums charged on and payable out of that Fund under the Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1876, in respect of the salaries and pensions of Lords of Appeal in Ordinary are increased by reason of additional appointments made under the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

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 Births and Deaths Registration Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The County Councils Association Expenses (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, 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 County Borough of Walsall, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant February, 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 Rural District of
Hatfield, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant February, 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 Rural District of Dunmow, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant February, 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 Royston, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

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

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.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

[No. 44.]

Monday, 10th February, 1947.

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

P R A Y E R S.

The Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

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

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

The Nottingham Corporation Bill was read a second time and committed.

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

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

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

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper containing Recommendations by the Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals relative to the granting of the Naval General Service Medal and the General Service Medal for service after the 2nd day of September 1945.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 10th February 1947, relative to the Gift of War Artists’ Pictures.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to Air the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 31st January 1947, relative to temporary borrowing by the British European Airways Corporation.

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 Urban District of Beeston and Stapleford,
(2) the Rural District of Elstree,
(3) the City of Oxford, and
(4) the Urban District of Rayleigh.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty’s International Command,—Copy of a Statement of proposed action by His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom on the Convention concerning Statistics of Wages and Hours of Work in the Principal Mining and Manufacturing Industries including Building and Construction and in Agriculture.

Copy of a Report by a Court of Inquiry into Trade Disputes, the difference that has arisen between the Shipbuilding Employers’ Federation and the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions on the Trade Union claim for a forty hour week of five days.

Mr. Isaacs also presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services of Bill an Order, dated 5th February 1947, entitled the Control of Engagement (Amendment) Order 1947.

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

Mr. Stracey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services of Bill directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th February 1947, entitled the Cherries (Revocation) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Cotton Industry Standing Order 158 relating to Private Business War Memorial Trust Bill.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on the 5th day of January 1947.

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the 3rd day of this instant February, was made from the Committee of Privileges be now taken into consideration. (Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

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

Mr. Piratin was heard in his place, and then withdrew.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the conduct of Philip Piratin, Esquire, a Member of the House, and Thomas Daniel Lucy, as found by the Committee in their Report, was a gross violation of the order and decorum of the House; that this House doth agree with the Committee in their opinion that Philip Piratin, Esquire, was guilty of a gross contempt, and Thomas Daniel Lucy of contempt of the House; and that this House places on record its high opinion that Philip Piratin, Esquire, was guilty of a contempt of the House; and that this House doth agree with the Committee in their opinion that Philip Piratin, Esquire, was guilty of a gross contempt, and Thomas Daniel Lucy of contempt of the House; and that this House places on record its high displeasure with their conduct and its determination to proceed with the utmost severity against future offenders in like cases. (Mr. Arthur Greenwood.) — And a Debate arising thereupon;

Sir Patrick Hannon rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent and declared then to put that Question: — Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That the conduct of Philip Piratin, Esquire, a Member of the House, and Thomas Daniel Lucy, as found by the Committee in their Report, was a gross violation of the order and decorum of the House; that this House doth agree with the Committee in their opinion that Philip Piratin, Esquire, was guilty of a gross contempt, and Thomas Daniel Lucy of contempt of the House; and that this House places on record its high displeasure with their conduct and its determination to proceed with the utmost severity against future offenders in like cases. (Mr. Arthur Greenwood.) — And a Debate arising thereupon;

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.

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.

Mr. Popplewell reported from the Committee on Electricity [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide, amongst other things, for the establishment of a British Electricity Authority and Area Electricity Boards and for the exercise and performance of functions relating to the supply of electricity, it is expedient to authorise:

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required to fulfil any guarantee by the Treasury of the principal of and interest on stock issued by the said Authority or the principal of and interest on moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Authority or any Area Electricity Board, so, however, that the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of the stock so issued, otherwise than for the purpose of paying compensation under the said Act, and in respect of any moneys temporarily borrowed as aforesaid do not at any time exceed the sum of seven hundred million pounds, excluding amounts outstanding in respect of stock issued or moneys temporarily borrowed for the purpose of redeeming stock or repaying moneys temporarily borrowed;

(b) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required to fulfil any guarantee by the Treasury of the principal of and interest on any loan raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, or of either the principal thereof or the interest thereon, so, however, that the aggregate of the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of any stock issued for the purpose of raising any such loan (other than stock issued to the British Electricity Authority in respect of compensation paid by that Authority under the said Act) and of any moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Board do not at any time exceed the sum of one hundred million pounds, excluding stock issued and moneys temporarily borrowed for the purpose of redeeming stock or repaying moneys temporarily borrowed;

(c) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of:

(i) remuneration and allowances to, and expenses of, stockholders' representatives appointed under the said Act;

(ii) remuneration and allowances to any auditor appointed under the said Act to ascertain sums payable to stockholders' representatives;

(iii) remuneration and allowances to members and officers of the arbitration tribunal appointed under the said Act and to persons to whom proceedings are referred by that tribunal, and any other expenses of that tribunal;

(iv) fees and allowances to any referee or board of referees appointed under the said Act to decide questions relating to the rights of or in respect of officers, and allowances to witnesses appearing before any referee or board;

(v) pensions to persons who have been Electricity Commissioners or officers of the Electricity Commissioners;

(vi) the administrative expenses incurred under the said Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department;

(d) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received under or by virtue of the said Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

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

[No. 45.]
Tuesday, 11th February, 1947.

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 31st day of January last relative to Double Taxation Relief had been presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester and the Viscount Lascelles; and that His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester and the Viscount Lascelles had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

We Counsellors of State, to whom have been delegated certain royal functions as specified in Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm dated January the 24th 1947, have received your Addresses to His Majesty praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (South Africa) and (Estate Duty) (South Africa) Orders, 1947, be made in the form of the drafts laid before Parliament.

We will give directions in accordance with your Addresses.

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

Ordered, That the London County Council (General Powers) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The London Passenger Transport Board Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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.—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 Bury,
(2) the Urban District of Hoddesdon,
(3) the Borough of Keighley, and
(4) the Urban District of Ventnor.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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)—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Popplewell, 272.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Studholme, 125.

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 Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1946-47.

Class VI.

Vote 16. Ministry of Civil Aviation.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, 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, 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum, not exceeding £5 be granted for the said service.—(Mr. Lennox Boyd.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Major Conant, 114.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Joseph Henderson, 289.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class V.

Vote i. Ministry of Health.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £750,000, 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 1947, 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., a supplemental grant in respect of medical benefit, salaries and expenses of the Local Government Boundary Commission, a grant in aid of the National Radium Trust, a grant in aid of the Women's Voluntary Services; and other services.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Studholme, 88.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Popplewell, 276.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class X.

Vote 3. Ministry of Transport (War Services).

3. £8,600,000 (Supplementary) for the cost of Shipping and Inland Transport Services arising out of the War.
Class VI.

4. £900,000 (Supplementary) for a grant in aid of the Road Fund; for other expenditure in connection with roads; for payments to local authorities in reimbursement of expenses incurred in the collection of motor vehicle duties &c., and the registration of motor vehicles; and for other services.

Vote 15. Mercantile Marine Services.
5. £245,000 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of certain Mercantile Marine services, including the expenses of the Coast-guard and the General Register and Record Office of Shipping and Seamen.

Class VIII.

Vote 1. Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions.
6. £12,500 (Supplementary) for war pensions and allowances (including cost of treatment) arising out of the war of 1914-18 to merchant seamen and fishermen and their dependants and the expenses of the Fishing Vessels Committee.

Class I.

Vote 4A. Ministry of Defence.
7. £94,100 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence.

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 come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Mr. Michael Stewart) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Mr. Michael Stewart said:—And a Debate arising thereon proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

That the Committee had come to several Resolutions, dated 11th February 1947, entitled—

(1) the Railway Companies (Accounts and Returns) (No. 1) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Railway Companies (Accounts and Returns) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty’s Defence Command,—Copy of a Statement relating to Defence.

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 11th February 1947, entitled—

(1) the Railway Companies (Accounts and Returns) (No. 1) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Railway Companies (Accounts and Returns) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee Selection of Standing Committees, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Town and Country Planning Bill): Major Gates; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jennings.
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 giving effect to a Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on the seventh day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and to make further provision for the regulation of air navigation, to provide for giving effect to certain provisions of an Interim Agreement on International Civil Aviation so signed, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Air Navigation Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Polish Resettlement Bill; And a Motion being made, 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. Piratin.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—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. Michael Stewart.)

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

Mr. Secretary Eds, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Polish Resettlement [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 application of the Royal Warrant as to pensions, &c., for the military forces to certain Polish forces, to enable the Assistance Board to meet the needs of, and to provide accommodation in camps or other establishments for, certain Poles and others associated with Polish forces, to provide for their requirements as respects health and educational services, and to provide for making arrangements and meeting expenses in connection with their emigration, it is expedient—

(A) To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) payments under any scheme for applying the said Royal Warrant, with effect from such date before or after the passing of the said Act as may be specified in the scheme, in relation to the disablement of death of members of the Polish naval detachment mentioned in the agreement made between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Poland on the eighteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, the Polish armed forces organised and employed under British command in pursuance of the agreement made as aforesaid on the fifth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty, or the Polish resettlement forces;

(ii) payments under any provision made by such a scheme, continued for not more than one year from the coming into operation of that provision, payments being then made in respect of disablement or death of members of other Polish forces;

(iii) any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under section six of the Determination of Needs Act, 1941, attributable to any provisions of the said Act of the present Session for—

(a) the grant of allowances by the Assistance Board to Poles in the United Kingdom in consequence of war circumstances, and the application for the purposes of the grant of such allowances of any provisions of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, or of rules and regulations thereunder;

(b) the provision by or on behalf of the Assistance Board for such Poles of accommodation in camps, hostels or other establishments, or the making by or on behalf of the said Board of provision for meeting the needs, and promoting the welfare, of persons for whom the accommodation is provided, and any increase so attributable in the sums payable out of such moneys under section forty-seven of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934 (which relates to salaries and allowances of staff of the Assistance Board and of appeal tribunals and employees of Government departments);

(iv) any expenses incurred by the Minister of Health or the Secretary of State, or by the Minister of Education or the Secretary of State, in the making by him or on his behalf of provision for meeting respectively needs as to medical or bodily health, and educational needs, of such Poles;

(v) any expenses incurred by the Minister of Labour and National Service in making arrangements and providing facilities in connection with the emigration of such Poles;

(B) To authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Assistance Board under the said Act of the present Session by way of payments from such Poles, or from persons under obligation to maintain them, for accommodation, allowances or other benefits provided for them under the said Act or otherwise in respect of their maintenance, or received by the Board under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, by virtue of any application of provisions of that Act by the said Act of the present Session.

In this Resolution references to Poles in the United Kingdom in consequence of war circumstances include references to persons in the United Kingdom being members or
former members of forces mentioned in para-
graph A (i) of this Resolution, and to persons
in the United Kingdom specified in the said
Act of the present Session by reference to
their relationship to or dependence on any
such Poles, members or former members, or
to or on any body of Polish forces entering
the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)
Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Deputy Chairman reported, That the Com-
mittee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded
to take into consideration the Amendment
made by the Lords to the House of Commons
(Redistribution of Seats) 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 Isle of Man Harbours Bill (Lords)
was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a
Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Michael
Stewart.)
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday
next, 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 Entertain-
ments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of
Rayleigh, a copy of which Order was
presented on the 10th day of this instant
February, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the
Secretary of State for the Home Department,
extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertain-
ments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of
Beeston and Stapleford, a copy of which
Order was presented on the 10th day of
this instant February, be approved.—(Mr.
Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the
Secretary of State for the Home Department,
extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertain-
ments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of
Elstree, a copy of which Order was pre-
sentcd on the 10th day of this instant February,
be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the
Secretary of State for the Home Department,
extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertain-
ments Act, 1932, to the City of Oxford, a
copy of which Order was presented on the
10th day of this instant February, be approved.
—(Mr. Oliver.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That this House do now adjourn:
(Mr. Michael Stewart):—And a Debate arising
thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed
after Ten of the clock and the Debate
having continued for half an hour, Mr.
Deputy Speaker adjourned the House
without a Question first put, pursuant to
the Order made upon the 13th day of
November last, it being then twenty-
nine minutes before Eleven of the clock,
till to-morrow.

[No. 47.]

Thursday, 13th February, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy
of an Order, dated 12th February 1947,
etitled the China Clay (Charges) (Revocation)
Order, 1947.
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. 4
(Cowal Project).
Mr. Secretary Westwood also presented,
pursuant to the directions of an Act of Par-
liament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th February
1947, entitled the North of Scotland
Hydro-Electric Board—(Constructional Scheme
No. 4) Confirmation Order, 1947.
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 10th February 1947,
etitled the Candles (Maximum Prices) Order,
1947.
Copy of Directions, dated 10th February
1947, entitled the Handkerchiefs (No. 5)
Directions, 1947.

Copy of a Licence, dated 10th February
1947, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Govern-
ment Stores and Civil Defence Uniforms)
Licence, 1947.
Copy of an Order, dated 7th February 1947,
etitled the Control of Fertilisers (No. 33)
Order, 1947.
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 12th February 1947, entitled
the Electricity (Reduction of Consumption)
Order, 1947.
Copy of an Order, dated 12th February 1947,
etitled the Control of Fuel (Dog Racecourse)
Order, 1947.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Provisional Order, dated 7th February 1947, entitled the Hatfield Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1947. 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 7th February 1947, entitled the Milk Powder (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947, and
(2) dated 10th February 1947, entitled the Flour Confectionery (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, 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 East Durham (Conservation of Water) Order, 1947. 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 Malta (Reconstruction) Bill.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C:
Mr. Hicks, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay and Mr. Walker; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Granville, Mr. George Porter and Dr. Segal.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Bill): Mr. John Edwards and Mr. Edward Porter; and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Castle and Mr. Lever.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Town and Country Planning Bill): Lady Megan Lloyd George, Mr. Key and Mr. Viant; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Edwards, Mr. Granville and Mr. Symonds.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Town and Country Planning Bill): Mr. Kenneth Lindsay.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee E: Miss Bacon; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Lavers.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee E (added in respect of the Electricity Bill): Mr. George Porter and Mr. Symonds; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Edward Porter and Mr. Viant.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Organisation 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 Question put pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Popplewell; 260.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Ramsey: 258.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Popplewell; 260.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Ramsey: 258.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly 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 Industrial Organisation (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 establishment of development councils for industries, for making funds available for certain purposes in relation to industries for which there is no development council, for the disposal of any surplus of funds levied under emergency provision for encouragement of exports, and for the making of grants to bodies established for the improvement of design, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the following payments out of moneys provided by Parliament, that is to say—

(i) payment of grants to the Council of Industrial Design, or to any association or body the objects of which include promoting the improvement of design in any industry or activities conducive thereto and as to which the Board of Trade is satisfied that it does not carry on any business for the purpose of making a profit;
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.  
(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

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

[No. 48.]

Friday, 14th February, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy 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 Carlisle,

(2) the Urban District of Formby,

(3) the Urban District of Skelton and Brotton, and

(4) the Rural District of Tenbury.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1940, a copy of an Order, dated 10th February 1947, entitled the Orpington 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.

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th February 1947, entitled the Building and Civil Engineering (Restriction on Transfer Orders) (Revocation) Order, 1947.

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 10th February 1947, entitled the Wireless Receivers and Radio-Gramophones (No. 1) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: Commander Maitland; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Seddon.

Mr. Benson reported from the Select Committee on the Trafalgar Estates Bill, That they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed,
Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Thomas Fraser, presented a Bill to make further provision for fire services in Great Britain; to transfer fire-fighting functions from the National Fire Service to fire brigades maintained by the councils of counties and county boroughs; to provide for the combination of areas for fire service purposes; to make further provision for pensions and other awards in respect of persons employed in connection with the provision of fire services; 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 Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. — (Mr. Simmons.)

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Appellate Jurisdiction [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the appointment of additional Lords of Appeal in Ordinary, it is expedient to authorise the charging on and payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any amount by which the sums charged on and payable out of that Fund under the Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1876, in respect of the salaries and pensions of Lords of Appeal in Ordinary are increased by reason of additional appointments made under 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 Appellate Jurisdiction Bill.

(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 desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the County Councils Association Expenses (Amendment) Bill.

(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 desire their concurrence.

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

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. Michael Stewart) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Four of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, as applied by the Order made upon the 12th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Industrial Organisation Bill to Standing Committee C.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil 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. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Securities transferred, and money paid, to the National Debt Commissioners, and annuities and insurances granted, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1947, under the Government Annuities Act, 1929.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and that the said Account do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate be printed.

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 I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

(1) the Urban District of Barnard Castle,
(2) the Urban District of Felling,
(3) the Urban District of Ripley (Derbyshire), and
(4) the Urban District of Seaford.

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, dated 10th February 1947, entitled—

(1) the Dutch Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Fountain Pens (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th February 1947, entitled the Production of China Clay (Removal of Restrictions) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th February 1947, entitled the Musical Instruments and Wireless Receivers (No. 2) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th February 1947, entitled the Sports Gear (Control of Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1947.

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 Permit, dated 14th February 1947, entitled the General Permit (Reduction of Electricity Consumption) No. 1.

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

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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 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Special Areas Fund, showing the receipts and payments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946; Also Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of the Commissioner for the Special Areas in England and Wales, and of the Commissioner for the Special Areas in Scotland, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of (a) the sums received into and paid out of the Tithe Redemption Annuities Account, (b) the Advances to that Account from the Consolidated Fund, (c) the Redemption Stock issued, and (d) the Redemption Stock Sinking Fund, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Tithe be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Mr. Beaver and Mr. Lemon-Boyal; and had appointed in substitution Brigadier Low and Sir Jocelyn Lucas.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Business of the Bill be exempted, 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. Popplewell: 223

Mr. Drewe: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, 

Commander Agnew: 112.


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Civic Restaurants Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 10, by leaving out the word “or”.—(Mr. Gallacher)

And the Question being put, That the word “or” stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Pearson: 237

Mr. Hanham: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, 

Commander Agnew: 116

Mr. Studholme: 116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 12, by leaving out from the word “refreshments,” to the word “and,” in l. 13.—(Mr. Shinwell)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out 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.

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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. Collindridge, Yeas, Mr. Coldrich : ] 288.
Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Noes, Major Conant : ] 151.

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 [Commander Agnew, Yeas, Mr. Hannan : ] 185.
Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge, Noes, Mr. Hannan : ] 238.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by leaving out the words "as they consider necessary or expedient," and inserting the words "in so far as such incidental or ancillary activities are requisite for the purpose of providing meals in the restaurant "—(Commander Maitland)— 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. Hannan, Yeas, Mr. Popplewell : ] 290.
Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Noes, Major Ramsay : ] 139.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words—
"Provided that this subsection shall not authorise the sale or supply of exciseable liquor in any such restaurant in Wales and Monmouth."—(Mr. Goronwy Roberts).

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. Goronwy Roberts, Yeas, Mr. Emrys Roberts : ] 159.
Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes, Mr. Hannan : ] 247.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 25, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—
"(5) No member of a civic restaurant authority shall sit on any tribunal which is considering any application made to it for any purpose under the provisions of this Act."—(Mr. Robert Hudson).

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 [Sir Arthur Young, Yeas, Commander Agnew : ] 127.
Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes, Mr. Popplewell : ] 298.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 37, by leaving out the word "each," and inserting the words "a period"—(Mr. Robert Hudson)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "each" stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge, Yeas, Mr. Hannan : ] 280.
Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Noes, Major Ramsay : ] 119.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Industrial Organisation [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment of development councils for industries, for making funds Industrial Organisation available for certain purposes in relation to industries for which there is no development council, for the disposal of any surplus of funds levied under emergency provision for encouragement of exports, and for the making of grants to bodies established for the improvement of design, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the following payments out of moneys provided by Parliament, that is to say—

(i) payment of grants to the Council of Industrial Design, or to any association or body the objects of which include promoting the improvement of design in any industry or activities conducive thereto and as to which the Board of Trade is satisfied that it does not carry on any business for the purpose of making a profit;

(ii) after revocation or expiry of any order imposing charges made under the Defence (Encouragement of Export) Regulations, 1940, payment to any development council established for the industry in relation to which the order was made, or otherwise for purposes connected with that industry, of sums up to the amount of any excess of charges recovered under the order and other receipts of the Board of Trade under arrangements made pursuant to those Regulations over the cost of the relevant services provided thereunder;

(iii) payment of any administrative expenses incurred in the execution of the said Act by any government department;

(b) payment into the Exchequer, after revocation of any order under the said Act imposing charges for purposes in
connection with an industry for which there is not a development council, of any excess of charges recovered under the order over expenses incurred for those purposes, in so far as any such excess is not otherwise disposed of under the said Act.

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.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Captain Snow) : And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then eighteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 50.]
Tuesday, 18th February, 1947.

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. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimates for Civil and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1948, 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 1948. 

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

Mr. Secretary Bellenger presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimates for the Army for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

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

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 1946, namely, the Clydebank Burgh Extension etc. Order, the Dundee Corporation Order, the Inverness Burgh Extension etc. Order, the Paisley Corporation Order and the Stornoway Harbour 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.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries respecting Applications to, and the Proceedings of, the Minister under Part III of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868 (as amended by the Sea Fishery Industry Act, 1938) during 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th February 1947, entitled the Kitchen Waste (Licensing of Private Collectors) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the Road Traffic Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 18th February 1947, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1947.

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. one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Pensions (Increase) Bill, without any Amendment. 

The Lords have agreed to the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Bill, without any Amendment. 

George Oscar SYDLESEY, Esquire, Member for New Member the County of York, West Riding (Normanton sworn. Division), was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of the House. Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting of the House for the Army Supplementary Estimate, 1946-47.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker declared the numbers : Yeas 296, Noes 143.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ; 

The Noes to the Left. 

Tellers for the Captain Snow,

Yeas, Mr. Simmons, 

Noes, Major Conant, 

Tellers for the Major Ramsay.

The numbers having been announced by the Tellers, Yeas 296, Noes 141, it was stated by Mr. Simmons, one of the Tellers for the Yeas, that the number of the Noes should be 143.

Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn and Sir Hugh Lucas-Tunn having been in the No Division Lobby but not having been counted by the Tellers. 

Whereupon Mr. Speaker declared the numbers : Yeas 296, Noes 143.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1946-47.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding
£20,000,000, 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, 1947, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.

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 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 a Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1910, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

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


Incumbents (Discipline) Measure, 1947.

The House then again resolved itself into Supply Committee of Supply.

(Vote A. Additional Number of Land Forces.)

2. Resolved, That an additional number of Land Forces, not exceeding 65,000 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.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £50,000,000 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, 1947, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Army Services for the year.

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Total, Navy (Supplementary), 1946-47 £20,000,000 £18,000,000

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £30,000,000, be granted for the said Service:—(Mr. Grimston):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.
Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments.

Supplementary Estimate, 1946-47.

Class III

Vote 10. Law charges.
4. £40,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Law Officers' Department; the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Procurator-General and Solicitor for the Affairs of His Majesty's Treasury, and of the Department of the Director of Public Prosecutions; the cost of prosecutions, of other legal proceedings, and of Parliamentary Agency.

Vote 6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c.
5. £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; the salaries and expenses of Pensions Appeal Tribunals; and the salaries and expenses of the War Pensions (Special Review) Tribunals.

Vote 8. Land Registry.
6. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the office of Land Registry.

Vote 1. House of Lords Offices.
7. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Offices of the House of Lords.

Vote 5. Privy Council Office.
8. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council.

Vote 8. Civil Service Commission.
9. £102,900 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

Vote 24. Miscellaneous Expenses.
10. £20,000 (Supplementary), for certain miscellaneous expenses, including certain grants in aid.

Class IV.

Vote 10. Scientific Investigation, &c.
11. £23,140 (Supplementary), for sundry grants in aid of scientific investigation, &c., and other grants.

Class VIII.

Vote 4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances.
12. £750,000 (Supplementary), for superannuation and other non-effective annual allowances, additional allowances, gratuities, compassionate allowances and supplementary pensions in respect of civil employment.

Class X.

Vote 9. War Damage Commission.
13. £96,500 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the War Damage Commission.

Revenue Departments.

Vote 2. Inland Revenue.
14. £550,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.

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Class III.

Vote 16. Law Charges and Courts of Law, Scotland.
15. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Lord Advocate's Department and other law charges, the salaries and expenses of the Courts of Law and Justice and of Pensions Appeal Tribunals in Scotland.

Class I.

Vote 25. Scottish Home Department.
16. £107,021 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland; salaries and expenses of the Scottish Home Department; expenses in respect of private legislation procedure in Scotland; a subsidy for transport services to the Western Highlands and Islands, &c.; a grant in lieu of Land Tax; contributions towards the expenses of Probation and of Remand Homes and grants in connection with physical training and recreation.

Class III.

Vote 12. Police, Scotland.
17. £105,250 (Supplementary), for the salary and expenses of the Inspector of Constabulary, the cost of special services, grants in respect of Police expenditure and a grant in aid of the Police Federation in Scotland.

Class IV.

18. £1,321,942 (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.

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 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.

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 Skelton and Brotton, a copy of which Order was presented on the 14th day of this instant February, 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 Urban District of Formby, a copy of which Order was presented on the 14th day of this instant February, 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 Entertainment Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Tenbury, a copy of which Order was presented on the 14th day of this instant February, 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 Entertainment Act, 1932, to the City of Carlisle, a copy of which Order was presented on the 14th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

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

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

[No. 51.]

Wednesday, 19th February, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Prime Minister presented, b° His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Statement proposed to be made on the 20th day of February 1947 on Indian Policy.

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 International Whaling Conference, held between the 20th day of November and the 2nd day of December 1946, with an International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling and a Protocol in respect of the 1947-48 Season, signed at Washington on the 2nd day of December 1946 (The Convention and Protocol have not been ratified by His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).


Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics concerning the establishment of a Direct Radiotelephone Service between their respective Territories (with Protocol), signed at Moscow on the 23rd day of September 1944.

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

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimates for the Air Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

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

Mr. Wilmot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 12th February 1947, entitled—

(1) the Control of Hand Tools (No. 5) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Control of Machine Tools (No. 16) Order, 1947.

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

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

Account of the Transactions of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court under the County Court Funds Rules for 1945:—Also Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same year in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the County Court Funds Investment Account, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 11th February Supreme Court 1947, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Procedure). Court (No. 1) 1947.

Ordered, That the said Account 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 Yeas, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Popplewell:
Mr. Studholme, Mr. Simmons;
Mr. Popplewell, Major Conant.

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Forestry Bill [Lords] was, according to Forestry 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, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1946-47.

Class IV.


1. £3,994,000 (Supplementary), for a grant to and grants in aid of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Class X.

Vote 5. Home Office (War Services).

2. £6,010,000 (Supplementary), for the cost of the war services of the Home Office.
Class III.
Vote 19. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland.
3. £10 (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 Land Registry of Judicature and Court of Criminal Appeal, salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court.

Class IV.
Vote 1. Ministry of Education.
4. £8,610,000 (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 V.
5. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning, including grants to local planning authorities, the acquisition of land in connection with the establishment of new Towns, and sundry services.

Class VI.
Vote 5. Export Credits (Special Guarantees).
6. £18,000 (Supplementary), for special guarantees given by the Board of Trade under the Overseas Trade Guarantees Scheme.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £420,000, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Fuel and Power;

Thursday, 20th February, 1947:
Question put, and agreed to.

Vote 9. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services).
8. £10 (Supplementary), for the cost of certain food production services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Class I.
9. £25,000 (Supplementary), for a grant in aid of the Government Hospitality Fund.

Class VII.
Vote 1. Ministry of Works.
10. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Works.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.
Resolved, That this House will, this day again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 Ripley, a copy of which Order was presented on the 17th day of this instant February, 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 Urban District of Felling, a copy of which Order was presented on the 17th day of this instant February, 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 Urban District of Barnard Castle, a copy of which Order was presented on the 17th day of this instant February, 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 Urban District of Seaford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 17th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

Thursday, 20th February, 1947.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

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

A Petition of the Trustees of the British Museum, 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 Seventy-two pounds; of a bequest of the late Henry Louis Florence, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Seventy-six pounds; of a bequest of the late Honorable Nathaniel Charles Rothschild, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four hundred and thirty-two pounds; of one-eighth of the proceeds of the James Mew Will Trust, amounting to about One hundred and forty-four pounds; and of a bequest of the late Mr. Marjory Kathleen Coldwell, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Twenty-four pounds; that the Establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above mentioned sums, and the Trust cannot with benefit to the Public be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the Trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Prime Minister, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled Economic Survey for 1947.

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

Mr. Glendwll Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Revised Estimate of a further Sum required to be voted in the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the House of Commons.

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

Mr. Dugdale presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimates for the Navy for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

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 a Statute made by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, on the 9th day of November 1946, amending the Statutes of the College.

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 5th February 1947, entitled the Growing of Seed Crops (Control) Order, 1947, entitled the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1947.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of the put, That the Proceedings on Government House 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, Mr. Hannan:] 737. Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Noes, Commander Agnew:] 135.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Civic Restaurants 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. Colindridge, Yeas, Mr. Coldrick:] 277. Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Noes, Major Conant:] 116.

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. Robert Taylor reported, from the Committee on Polish Resettlement [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the application of the Royal Warrant as to pensions, &c., for the military forces to certain Polish forces, to enable the Assistance Board to meet the needs of, and to provide accommodation in camps or other establishments for, certain Poles and others associated with Polish forces, to provide for their requirements as respects health and educational services, and to provide for making arrangements and meeting expenses in connection with their emigration, it is expedient—

(A) To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) payments under any scheme for applying the said Royal Warrant, with effect from such date before or after the passing of the said Act as may be specified in the scheme, in relation to the disablement or death of members of the Polish Naval detachment mentioned in the agreement made between His Majesty's Government...
in the United Kingdom and the Government of Poland on the eighteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, the Polish armed forces organised and employed under British command in pursuance of the agreement made as aforesaid on the fifth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty, or the Polish resettlement forces;

(ii) payments under any provision made by such a scheme for continuing for not more than one year from the coming into operation of that provision, payments being then made in respect of disablement or death of members of other Polish forces;

(iii) any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under section six of the Determination of Needs Act, 1941, attributable to any provisions of the said Act of the present Session for:

(a) the grant of allowances by the Assistance Board to Poles in the United Kingdom in consequence of war circumstances, and the application for the purposes of the grant of such allowances of any provisions of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, or of rules and regulations thereunder;

(b) the provision by or on behalf of the Assistance Board for such Poles of accommodation in camps, hostels or other establishments, or the making by or on behalf of the said Board of provision for meeting the needs, and promoting the welfare, of persons for whom the accommodation is provided; and any increase so attributable in the sums payable out of such moneys under section forty-seven of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934 (which relates to salaries and allowances of staff of the Assistance Board and of appeal tribunals and expenses of Government departments);

(iv) any expenses incurred by the Minister of Health or the Secretary of State, or by the Minister of Education or the Secretary of State, in the making by him or on his behalf of provision for meeting respectively needs as to mental or bodily health, and educational needs, of such Poles;

(v) any expenses incurred by the Minister of Labour and National Service in making arrangements and providing facilities in connection with the emigration of such Poles;

(B) To authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Assistance Board under the said Act of the present Session by way of payments from such Poles, or from persons under obligation to maintain them, for accommodation, allowances or other benefits provided for them under the said Act or otherwise in respect of their maintenance, or received by the Board under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, by virtue of any application of provisions of that Act by the said Act of the present Session.

In this Resolution references to Poles in the United Kingdom in consequence of war circumstances include references to persons in the United Kingdom being members or former members of forces mentioned in paragraph A (i) of this Resolution, and to persons in the United Kingdom specified in the said Act of the present Session by reference to their relationship to or dependence on any such Poles, members or former members, or to or on any body of Polish forces entering the United Kingdom.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved to insert part of the Polish Resettlement Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power to apply Royal Warrant as to pensions, &c. to certain Polish forces.)
An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out l. 12 to 24.—(Mr. Peake.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Snow, Yeas, 
Mr. Popplewell : ] 238.
Mr. Drew, 

Tellers for the [Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp, ] 72.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 34, to leave out from the word "exceptions," to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Piratin).

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 40, after the word "Treasury," to insert the words "in order to bring the scheme or any substituted scheme made under this subsection into conformity with any Royal Warrant that may be issued."—(Mr. Law.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Allowances from the Assistance Board).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 34, after the word "war," to insert the words "on or before the first day of January nineteen hundred and forty-seven,"—(Mr. Henry Hynd.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Provision by the Assistance Board of accommodation in camps).

Amendment proposed in p. 4, l. 37, after the word "other," to insert the word "British."—(Mrs. Manning.)

Question proposed, That the word "British," be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 45, after the word "establishments," to insert the words "excluding private homes under which any billeting arrangements may be made."—(Mr. Austin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 45, at the end, to insert the words "or to deportation."—(Mr. Piratin.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. (Temporary registration of medical practitioners and of pharmacists) Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 11, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Law.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause ;

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Question put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Law.)—put, and negatived.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Provisions as to service in the forces).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 7, after the word "forces," to insert the words "during a period not exceeding two years from the passing of this Act."—(Mr. Warbey.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

A Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 16, after the word "officer," to insert the words "other than in any of the Polish resettlement forces."—(Mr. Warbey.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 agreed to.

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

Clause No. 12 agreed to.

A Clause (Continuance of provisions as to discipline and internal administration of certain Polish forces)—(Mr. Secretary Ede)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Mr. Ronald Mackay moved, That the Chair- man do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again ; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Isle of Man Harbours Bill [Lords] ;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval Forces (Enforcement of Maintenance Liabilities) Bill ;

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes before Two of the clock on Friday, morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 53.]

Friday, 21st February, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House Mr. Speaker's 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 Prayers. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Fire at Ferring Command,—Copy of the Report of an Inquiry by A. P. L. Sullivan, Esquire, C.B.E., M.M., into the Fire at the Ferring Grange Hotel, Ferring, on the 30th day of October 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Air Navigation Bill [Lords] was, ac- cording to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Bellenger, by His Majesty's Air Navigation Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Air Navigation [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 giving effect to a Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) any sums payable by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom by way of contribution to the expenses of the International Civil Aviation Organisation under the said Convention ;

(ii) such expenses of any delegate, representative or nominee of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom appointed for any purposes connected with the said Convention as may be approved by the Treasury ;

(iii) any expenses incurred by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom for the purposes of Chapter XV of the said Convention (which relates to the provision of airports and other air navigation facilities) ; and

(iv) any other expenses incurred by a government department by reason of the said Act ; and
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.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine and report on the financial position of the House of Commons Members' Fund, established under the House of Commons Members' Fund Act, 1939, and to make recommendations with a view to achieving a closer relation between the sums paid into and the payments made out of the said Fund.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Eleven Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Birch, Mr. Daggar, Mr. Kinley, Mr. McKinlay, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Peake, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Colonel Kopner, Mr. Viant, Mr. Octavius Willey and Mrs. Wills.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The following Account, pursuant to 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. Simmons, Mr. Popplewell; Mr. Conant, Mr. Ramsay.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill:

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "whilst anxious to see an improvement in the town and country planning of Scotland, this House declines at the present critical time to give further consideration to a measure which makes impossible demands upon the resources of planning authorities in Scotland, which leaves so many essential matters for subsequent definition by statutory regulations and orders, which subjects development in Scotland to the approval of a Board sitting in London, which continues to enforce the 1939 price standard for all land and buildings acquired compulsorily, and which for these reasons will impede rather than advance the provision of housing, work and amenities for the people of Scotland"—(Mr. James Reid)—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:

Mr. Popplewell, 242.
Mr. Studholme, 97.
Major Conant.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was 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 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision with respect to Scotland for planning the development and use of land, and for purposes connected therewith (in this resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

A. The charging on the Consolidated Fund of the principal of and interest on stock to be issued under the Act in satisfaction of payments to be made thereunder in respect of interests in land which are depreciated in value by virtue of the provisions of the Act (not exceeding in the aggregate, together with payments to be made by virtue of any corresponding provisions which may be enacted in relation to England and Wales, the sum of three hundred million pounds); the charging on and paying out of that Fund of expenses in connection with the issue and management of any such stock; and the issuing out of that Fund of sums necessary to enable the Central Land Board to be established under any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision for planning the development and use of land (in this resolution referred to as "the Board") to pay interest on any such payments pending the satisfaction thereof.

B. The issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of sums necessary to enable the Board to make other payments under the Act in respect of interests in land which are depreciated as aforesaid, being land which has sustained war damage in such circumstances that the appropriate payment under the War Damage Act, 1943, is a value payment, and to pay interest on such payments pending the satisfaction thereof.

C. The raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939,—

(1) for the purpose of providing sums for the redemption of any such stock as is mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution,

(2) for the purpose of providing sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund as mentioned in paragraph A or paragraph B of this resolution, or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued.

D. The payment by the Board into the Exchequer, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of annual instalments equal in the aggregate to the aggregate amount of—

(1) any such payments as are mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution which are satisfied by the issue of stock; and

(2) any sums issued to the Board out of the Consolidated Fund as mentioned in that paragraph in respect of interest on such payments, together with interest on the said aggregate amount; and the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums so paid into the Exchequer, and their application 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. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in making grants, in accordance with regulations made under the Act, as follows, that is to say:

(1) grants to local planning authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities under the Act or under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, in connection with the acquisition and clearing of land acquired or appropriated by those authorities for or in connection with the redevelopment of areas as a whole, or for the purpose of bringing derelict land into use (including sums paid by those authorities by way of compensation or otherwise in connection with any restriction on the development or use of such land imposed by or under any enactment), not exceeding—

(a) in the case of land acquired or appropriated for the redevelopment as a whole of areas of extensive war damage, or for the relocation of population or industry or the replacement of open space in the course of such redevelopment, ninety per cent. of the
annual costs incurred or treated in accordance with regulations as being incurred by the said authorities in respect of the borrowing of money to defray expenditure in respect of which the grants are made;

(b) in the case of any other land, eighty per cent. of the said annual costs;

(2) grants to local planning authorities—

(a) in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities in the payment of compensation (other than compensation for the acquisition of land) under the provisions of the Act in that behalf;

(b) in respect of loss incurred by those authorities in connection with the acquisition and clearing of land other than such land as is mentioned in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph (including sums paid by those authorities by way of compensation or otherwise in connection with any restriction on the development or use of such land imposed by or under any enactment), not exceeding sixty per cent. of the amount of the expenditure or loss in respect of which the grants are made;

(3) grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities (including expenditure incurred by joint committees of which those authorities were constituent authorities) under subsection (4) of section ten of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1932, or under that subsection as applied by section four of the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Act, 1943, or under subsection (2) of section seven of the said Act of 1943, in connection with applications for permission to develop land dealt with after the eleventh day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-three, or in respect of the revocation or modification, after that date, of any permission to develop land whether granted before or after that date.

F. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the following expenditure, that is to say:

(1) any administrative expenses incurred by the Board for the purposes of the Act;

(2) any expenses of the Secretary of State in connection with the making or amendment of a development plan under the provisions of the Act in that behalf;

(3) any expenses incurred by any Minister or by the Board in the acquisition of land under powers conferred in that behalf by the Act, other than expenses so incurred which are required to be defrayed out of the Road Fund;

(4) any sums authorised or required to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament by virtue of any of the provisions of sections eighteen to twenty-nine of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, as incorporated with the Act;

(5) any additional expenditure incurred by any Minister in the payment of compensation under section twenty-three of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, by reason of the provisions of the Act amending that section;

(6) any expenses incurred by the Minister of Transport (other than expenses incurred in the construction or improvement of roads) under the provisions of the Act relating to the stopping up or diversion of highways;

(7) any sums payable into the Road Fund for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Minister of Transport which are payable out of that fund by virtue of any of the provisions of the Act;

(8) any sums required by the Board for the repayment, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, of sums received by the Board in respect of development charges (including sums received by the Board in lieu of such charges under the provisions of the Act relating to land of local planning authorities and of development corporations established under the New Towns Act, 1946) or for making contributions towards compensation payable by local planning authorities under the Act;

(9) any expenses incurred by any Minister or by the Board in the payment of compensation for damage caused in the exercise of any power of entry conferred under the Act;

(10) any expenses of the Secretary of State in the payment of remuneration and allowances to the chairman and members of any tribunal, or in the payment of the expenses of any advisory committee, established for the purposes of the Act or of regulations made thereunder;

(11) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State for the purposes of the Act.

G. The payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Board in respect of the disposal of land acquired by the Board under powers conferred in that behalf by the Act.—

(Mr. Secretary Westwood.)

Resolution to be reported.
Adjournment.

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

PRACTERS.

David John Ware (Inquiry).

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by John Catterall Jolly, Esquire, K.C., of an Inquiry into the confession made by David John Ware of the murder of Olive Balchin in respect of which murder Walter Graham Rowland was convicted at Manchester Assizes on the 16th day of December 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Bellenger presented, by His Army Estimates.

Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum of the Secretary of State for War relating to the Army Estimates, 1947–48.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, by His Majesty's Coal Mines Command.—Copy of a Quarterly Statistical Statement of the costs of production, proceeds and profits of the coal mining industry for the third quarter of 1946.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee Selection (Standing Committee C) Thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Statistics of Trade Bill).

Mr. Aveling, Mr. Balcher, Sir John Barlow, Mr. Bowen, Mrs. Castle, Mr. Challen, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Cooper, Sir Stafford Cripps, Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre, Mr. Eccles, Mr. Erroll, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. Grey, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Marlowe, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Scott-Elliot, Mr. Shephard, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Norman Smith, Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Woodburn.

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.

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

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Supplies and put, That the Cheese (Control and Maximum Services) Order, 1946 S.R. & O. 1946, No. 2109, be annulled (Mr. Keeling);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Keeling, Mr. Charles Taylor;

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Simmons.

So it passed in the Negative.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Pearson.)

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Notice was given this day that, Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

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[No. 56.]

Wednesday, 26th February, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the National Debt Commissioners in respect of the Capital and Income of the Irish Land Purchase Fund in 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.

SCHEDULE.

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Army Supplementary Estimate, 1946-47

Vote A. Additional Number of Land Forces.

2. That an additional number of Land Forces, not exceeding 65,000 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.

3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding 50,000,000, 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 1947, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Army Services for the year.
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**Schedule.**

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**Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1946-47.**

### Class III.

**Vote 6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c.**

5. 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 1947, for 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 of the salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Supplementary.)

**Vote 8. Land Registry, (Supplementary.)**

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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Office of Land Registry.

### Class I.

**Vote 1. House of Lords Offices.**

7. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Offices of the House of Lords.

**Vote 5. Privy Council Office.**

8. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s most Honourable Privy Council.

**Vote 8. Civil Service Commission.**

9. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £2,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

**Vote 24. Miscellaneous Expenses.**

10. 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 1947, for certain miscellaneous expenses, including certain grants in aid.

### Class IV.

**Vote 10. Scientific Investigation, &c.**

11. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £23,140, 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 1947, for sundry grants in aid of scientific investigation, &c., and other grants.

### Class VIII.

**Vote 4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances.**

12. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £750,000, 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 1947, for superannuation, and other non-effective annual allowances, additional allowances, gratuities, compassionate allowances and supplementary pensions in respect of civil employment.

### Class X.

**Vote 9. War Damage Commission.**

13. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £96,500, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the War Damage Commission.

### Revenue Departments.

**Vote 2. Inland Revenue.**

14. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £5,500,000, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Revenue Departments.
of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.

Class III.
Vote 16. Law Charges and Courts of Law, Scotland.
15. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £105,250, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Lord Advocate’s Department and other law charges, the salaries and expenses of the Courts of Law and Justice and of Pensions Appeal Tribunals in Scotland.

Class I.
Vote 25. Scottish Home Department.
16. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £107,021, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of Police, Scotland, including certain grants in aid of special services, grants in respect of Police education, including certain grants in aid of physical training and recreation.

Class III.
Vote 12. Police, Scotland.
17. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £105,250, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Inspector of Constabulary, the cost of special services, grants in respect of Police expenditure and a grant in aid of the Police Federation in Scotland.

Class IV.
18. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,321,942, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Scottish Home Department; salaries and expenses of the Scottish Home Department; expenses in respect of private legislation procedure in Scotland; a subsidy for transport services to the Western Highlands and Islands, &c.; a grant in lieu of Land Tax; contributions towards the expenses of Probation and of Remand Homes and grants in connection with physical training and recreation.

Thursday 27th February 1947:
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Popplewell]: 194.
Tellers for the [Mr. Stoddart, Major Conant]: 88.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Resolution was agreed to.
Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Captain Snow)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Wednesday evening and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[No. 57.]

Thursday, 27th February, 1947.

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, entitled—
(i) the Electricity (Reduction of Consumption) (Northern Ireland) Order 1947, and
(ii) the Electricity (Reduction of Consumption) (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1947.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty’s Command,—Copy of an Agreement supplementary to the Anglo-Portuguese Monetary Agreement dated 16th April 1946, signed at London on the 26th day of February 1947.
Copy of an Agreement supplementary to the Treaty Series Monetary Agreement between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Royal Netherlands Government dated 7th September 1945, signed at London on the 26th day of February 1947.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney-General presented, pursuant Hove to Standing Order 158 relating to Private Corporation Business (Report of Attorney General in case of Bill affecting any charity or educational foundation),—Report by him on the Hove Corporation Bill.
Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.
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 City of London (Tithes) [Lords], 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. 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 Exchange Control Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Exchange Control Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Isaacs; Mr. Shinwell and Mr. Oliver, presented a Bill to amend the Summer Time Acts, 1922 to 1925; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Control of Building Operations (No. 8) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 74), dated 15th January 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 21st day of January last, be annulled—[Mr. Walker-Smith];

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

Tellers for the [Sir John Mellor]

Yea, Mr. Walker-Smith

Nee, Mr. Michael Stewart

So it passed in the Negative.
Germany and Austria, including certain supplies and services essential to the Occupation contributions to the Joint Export Import Agency for the Combined Zones of Germany, commodity advances for Germany, and financial assistance to Austria. Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum, not exceeding £38,016,710, be granted for the said service.—(Mr. Stokes); The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Sydney Silverman.]

Mr. Stokes: 67. Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson.]

Mr. Simmons: 130. Original Question put, and agreed to. To report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Snow.)

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

Captain Snow reported, from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant February, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments and Supplementary Estimate, 1946-47.

Class VI.


4. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £900,000, 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 1947, for a grant in aid of the Road Fund; for other expenditure in connection with roads; for payments to local authorities in reimbursement of expenses incurred in the collection of motor vehicle duties, &c., and the registration of motor vehicles; and for other services.

Vote 15. Mercantile Marine Services.

5. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £245,000, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of certain Mercantile Marine services, including the expenses of the Coastguard and the General Register and Record Office of Shipping and Seamen.

Class VIII.

Vote 1. Merchant Seamen's War Pensions. Merchant Seamen's War Pensions. (Supplementary.)

6. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £125,000, 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 1947, for war pensions and allowances (including cost of treatment) arising out of the war of 1914-18 to merchant seamen and fishermen and their dependants and the expenses of the Fishing Vessels Committee.

Class I.


7. That a sum, not exceeding £94,100, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence. 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:—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Four of the clock, adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Third and Subsequent Resolutions be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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

And accordingly the House having continued to sit till nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Mr. Gwennol Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th February 1947, entitled the Regulation of Payments (General) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement supplementary to the Monetary Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Belgium dated 5th October 1944, signed at London on the 26th day of February 1947.

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 Cambridge, on the 23rd day of December 1946, amending the statutes of the University.

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, dated 25th February 1947, entitled—

(1) the General Hardware and Ironmongery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947, and
(2) the General Hollow-Ware (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

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

Copy of Directions, dated 25th February 1947, entitled the Knitted Goods (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions, 1947.

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


Ordered, That the said Paper 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 of his Proceedings in 1946, under the General Pier and Harbour Acts, 1861 to 1915.

Ordered, That the said Report 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) Chesterfield Town Council.
(2) Reading County Borough Council.
(3) Surbiton Borough Council.

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 22nd February 1947, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.
(2) dated 22nd February 1947, entitled the Egg Products (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.
(3) dated 24th February 1947, entitled the Poultry (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(4) dated 24th February 1947, entitled the Canned Fruit and Vegetables (Amendment Order, 1947, and
(5) dated 27th February 1947, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) (Amendment No. 8) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Key, supported by Mr. Secretary Jones and Mr. Gwennol Hall, presented a Bill to make provision for the acquisition of a site for public offices in Westminster, to amend the Westminster Hospital Act, 1913, 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.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the House be suspended, at this day's Sittings, and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the proceedings on the Committee stage, Report Stage and Third Reading of each of the following Bills, that is to say, the Transport Bill and Town and Country Planning Bill, shall be proceeded with as follows:—

(1) Committee Stage.

(a) The Standing Committee to which the Bill is referred shall report the Bill to the House on or before the second day of April next, and the general provisions set out in paragraph (3) of this Order shall apply so far as applicable.

(b) At a sitting at which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee, the Chairman shall not adjourn the Committee under any Order relating to the Sittings of the Committee until the proceedings have been brought to a conclusion.

(c) At a sitting at which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under such a Resolution no Motion relating to the sittings of the Committee, no dilatory Motion with respect to proceedings on the Bill or the adjournment of the Committee, nor Motion to
postpone a Clause, shall be received unless moved by the Government, and the Question on any such Motion if moved by the Government shall be put forthwith without any debate.

(d) On the conclusion of the Committee Stage of the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without question put.

(2) Report Stage and Third Reading.

(a) Three allotted days shall be given to the Report Stage and one allotted day shall be given to the Third Reading.

(b) The proceedings thereon shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at 9.30 p.m., on the last of the days allotted in the case of the Report Stage, and on the day allotted in the case of the Third Reading, and the general provisions set out in paragraph (3) of this Order shall apply.

(c) Any day other than a Friday on which the Bill is put down as the First Order of the Day shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order.

(d) Any Private Business which has been set down for consideration at 7 p.m. and any Motion for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 8 on an allotted day shall on that day, instead of being taken as provided by the Standing Orders, be taken at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or under this Order for that day, and any Private Business or Motion for Adjournment so taken may be proceeded with, though opposed, notwithstanding any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House.

(e) On a day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order those proceedings shall not be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House.

(f) On a day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order no dilatory Motion with respect to proceedings on the Bill or under this Order, nor Motion to re-commit the Bill, shall be received unless moved by the Government, and the Question on such Motion, if moved by the Government shall be put forthwith without any debate.

(3) General.

(a) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee or by this Order and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall at the time so appointed, put forthwith the Question on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and, in the case of a new Clause which has been read a second time, also the Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, and shall next proceed to put forthwith the questions on any Amendments, new Clauses or Schedules moved by the Government of which notice has been given (but no other Amendments, new Clauses or Schedules), and any Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded, and, in the case of Government Amendments or Government new Clauses or Schedules, he shall put only the Questions that the Amendments be made or that the Clauses or Schedules be added to the Bill, as the case may be.

(b) Nothing in this Order or in such a Resolution shall—

(i) prevent any proceedings which thereunder are to be concluded on any particular day or at any particular sitting being concluded on an earlier day or at any earlier sitting, or necessitate any particular day or sitting or part of a particular day or sitting being given to any such proceedings if those proceedings have been otherwise disposed of, or

(ii) prevent any other business being proceeded with on a particular day, or part of a particular day, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the House, if any proceedings to be concluded on that particular day, or part of a particular day, have been disposed of.—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 3, by leaving out the words "Report stage and Third Reading."—(Brigadier Macksen).

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.

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 (Captain Snow, Mr. Popplewell); 320.
Tellers for the (Sir Arthur Young, Commander Agnew); 159.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the (Captain Snow, Mr. Popplewell); 321.
Tellers for the (Mr. Studholme, Major Ramsay); 159.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 13, by inserting at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that the Standing Committee shall not sit at any time when the House or a Committee of the whole House are sitting."—(Mr. Oliver Poole.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—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, Captain Snow); 303.
Tellers for the (Lieut.-Colonel Thorp, Major Ramsay); 153.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, That those words be there inserted; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Major Conant:} 154.
Tellers for the Noes, {Captain Snow:} 302.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in line 51, by inserting, at the beginning thereof, the word “If”—(Mr. Charles Williams.) And the Question being proposed, That the word “If” be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

And it being Midnight, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business.

Whereupon Mr. Arthur Greenwood rose in his place, and claimed to adjourn the Committee, nor Motion to 0. his place, and claimed to adjournment of the Committee, nor Motion to respect to proceedings on the Bill or under this Order.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Midnight, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Collindridge and Mr. Simmons were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Members being willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

And the Main Question being accordingly put:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Collindridge:} 289.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Simmons:} 150.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Committee stage, Report stage and Third Reading of each of the following Bills, that is to say, the Transport Bill and Town and Country Planning Bill, shall be proceeded with as follows:—

(1) Committee Stage.

(a) The Standing Committee to which the Bill is referred shall report the Bill to the House on or before the second day of April next, and the general provisions set out in paragraph (3) of this Order shall apply so far as applicable.

(b) At a sitting at which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee the Chairman shall not adjourn the Committee under any Order relating to the Sittings of the Committee until the proceedings have been brought to a conclusion.

(c) At a sitting at which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under such a Resolution no Motion relating to the sittings of the Committee, no dilatory Motion with respect to proceedings on the Bill or the adjournment of the Committee, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, shall be received unless moved by the Government, and the Question on any such Motion, if moved by the Government, shall be put forthwith without any debate.

(d) On the conclusion of the Committee Stage of the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without question put.

(2) Report Stage and Third Reading.

(a) Three allotted days shall be given to the Report Stage and one allotted day shall be given to the Third Reading.

(b) The proceedings thereon shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at 9.30 p.m., on the last of the days allotted in the case of the Report Stage, and on the date allotted in the case of the Third Reading, and the general provisions set out in paragraph (3) of this Order shall apply.

(c) Any day other than a Friday on which the Bill is put down as the First Order of the Day shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order.

(d) Any Private Business which has been set down for consideration at 7 p.m. and any Motion for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 8 on an allotted day shall on that day, instead of being taken as provided by the Standing Orders, be taken at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or under this Order for that day, and any Private Business or Motion for Adjournment so taken may be proceeded with, though opposed, notwithstanding any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House.

(e) On a day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order those proceedings shall not be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House.

(f) On a day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order no dilatory Motion with respect to proceedings on the Bill or under this Order, nor Motion to re-commit the Bill, shall be received unless moved by the Government, and the Question on such Motion, if moved by the Government, shall be forthwith put without any debate.

(3) General.

(a) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee or by this Order and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall, at the time so appointed, put forthwith the Question on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and, in the case of a new Clause which has been read a second time, also the Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, as the case may be.

(b) Whereupon Mr. Arthur Greenwood rose in his place, and claimed to adjourn the Committee, nor Motion to
Adjournment.

Entertainments.

Cinematograph adjourn (Captain Snow): And a Manningham-Buller, Ernest Davies, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Chairman, Transport Business Sub-Committee in Standing Committee B to be Members of this day nominated the following Members of the 21st day of November last Mr. Speaker arising thereupon;

I GEO. VI. 

The Lords have agreed to the Births and Deaths Registration Bill, without any Amendment. 

 предусмотрен any proceedings which thereunder are to be concluded on any particular day or at any particular sitting being concluded on an earlier day or at any earlier sitting, or necessitate any particular day or sitting or part of a particular day or sitting being given to any such proceedings if those proceedings have been otherwise disposed of; or

(ii) prevent any other business being proceeded with on a particular day, or part of a particular day, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the House, if any proceedings to be concluded on that particular day, or part of a particular day, have been disposed of.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Snow):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Monday evening and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then sixteen minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES (BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEES)

In pursuance of the Order of the House of the 21st day of November last Mr. Speaker this day nominated the following Members of Standing Committee B to be Members of the Business Sub-Committee in respect of the Transport Bill: Sir Charles MacAndrew, Chairman, Mr. Asheton, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Ernest Davies, Six David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Hale, Mr. Popplewell, and Sir Arthur Salti; and the following Members of Standing Committee D to be Members of the Business Sub-Committee in respect of the Town and Country Planning Bill:—Mr. Touche, Chairman, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Mr. Medlicott, Mrs. Middleton, Mr. William Morrison, Mr. Thomas Reid, Mr. Silkin, and Mr. Michael Stewart.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Treaty of Alliance and Mutual Assistance between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the President of the French Republic, signed at Dunkirk on the 4th day of March 1947 (The Treaty has not been ratified by His Majesty).

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 Kincardine 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. Dugdale presented, by His Majesty's Navy Command,—Copy of a Statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1947-48.

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 27th February 1947, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 57) Order, 1947.

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 27th February 1947, entitled the Food Rationing (General Licence No. 3) Order, 1947.

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 25th February 1947, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Eire Volunteers) (Benefit in the United Kingdom) Regulations, 1947.

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

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Public Offices Private Bills do examine the Public Offices (Site) Bill, with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Public Offices Private Bills do examine the Public Offices (Site) Bill, with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business.

Appellate Jurisdiction Bill.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Public Offices Private Bills do examine the Public Offices (Site) Bill, with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Appellate Jurisdiction Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords.

The Lords have agreed to the Births and Deaths Registration Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the County Councils Association Expenses (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Bill, with an Amendment: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this 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. Arthur Greenwood);—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Hannan;—283.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Statham, Major Ramsay;—129.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Summer Time Bill was, according to Order, 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 immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee)
Clause No. 1 (Summer time and double summer time for 1947 and subsequent years).
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out the words "Great Britain," and insert the words "England and Wales."—(Mr. Thornton-Kemsley.)
Question proposed, That the words "Great Britain" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out subsection (2).—(Captain Crookshank.)
Question put, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "any," in l. 19, stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Michael Stewart;—282.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Ramsay, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp;—120.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out from the word "to," to the word "His," in l. 20, and insert the words "the year of leave of8,"—(Sir Alan Herbert.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill be amended in the Committee, to be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Polish Resettlement Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 1, p. 1, l. 7, 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.

(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 made a further Amendment to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.
A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provisions as to discipline and internal administration of certain Polish forces)—(Mr. Secretary Ede):—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 proceeded to a Division.
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday 5th March 1947:
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson;—169.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Simmons;—53.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The said Clause was accordingly read a second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause in l. 8, by leaving out from the word "administration," to the second word "and," in l. 10, and inserting the words "such rules as may be made by His Majesty by Order in Council"—(Mr. Bing),—instead thereof.
And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—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 Affirmative.

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

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson, 
Yea, Mr. Collindridge : 107.
Tellers for the Mr. Bing, 
Noo, Major Bramall : 21.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That further consideration of the proposed Clause be now adjourned—(Mr. Peake);

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

Tellers for the Mr. Conant, 
Yea, Mr. Studdholme : 22.
Tellers for the Mr. Simmons, 
Noo, Mr. Hannan : 130.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 32, by leaving out subsection (8).—(Mr. Sydney Silverman).

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

And the proposed Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Residential qualification for naturalisation)—(Mr. Peake):—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. 9, l. 14, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(2) Notwithstanding anything contained to the contrary in the King’s Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, Volume i, Section 385, or in any other provision, any member of the Polish resettlement forces shall be eligible for enlistment in His Majesty’s Navy."—(Vice-Admiral Taylor).

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.

And the Title was amended as followeth:

A Bill to provide for the application of the Royal Warrant as to pensions, &c., for the military forces to certain Polish forces, to enable the Assistance Board to meet the needs of, and to provide accommodation in camps or other establishments for, certain Poles and others associated with Polish forces, to provide for their requirements as respects health and educational services, to provide for making arrangements and meeting expenses in connection with their emigration, to modify as respects the Polish resettlement forces and past members of certain Polish forces provisions relating to the service of aliens in the forces of the Crown, to provide for the discipline and internal administration of certain Polish forces and to affirm the operation up to the passing of this Act of provision previously made therefor and for purposes connected therewith and consequential thereon.

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 Exchange into consideration the Amendments made by Control Bill, the Lords to the Exchange Control Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

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 Supply

Ordered, that the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of February last, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Second of the Resolutions which were then reported from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into consideration the Third and Subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 28th day of February last, were reported from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of February last;

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for Supply receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for Supply receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 17th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Barrow-in-Furness, a copy of which Order was presented on the 28th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Chingford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 28th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of the Urban District of
Bolsover, a copy of which Order was presented on the 28th day of February last, 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 Rural District of Dorking and Horley, a copy of which Order was presented on the 28th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Adjournment.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Three of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

No. 61.

Wednesday, 5th March, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Annual Salaries of the Registrars, Clerks and all others holding offices in the Probate Division of the High Court in Northern Ireland, with an Account of all Fees and Stamps received in 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 14th day of February 1947, between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Luxembourg, for the reciprocal abolition of visas on British and Luxembourg passports.

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 March 1947, entitled the Nurses (Scotland) Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Tomlinson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Ministry of Education Estimates, 1947-48.

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

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

Copy of a Return to the Lord Chancellor 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 1946.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) might be read, and the same being read as followeth:—

(1) Whenever the House shall be informed by the clerk at the table of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, the chairman of ways and means shall perform the duties and exercise the authority of Speaker in relation to all proceedings of this House, as Deputy Speaker.

(2) At the commencement of every Parliament, or from time to time, as necessity may arise, the House may appoint a deputy chairman, who shall be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the chairman of ways and means, including his powers as Deputy Speaker.

(3) Provided also that the chairman of ways and means or deputy chairman do take the chair as Deputy Speaker, when requested so to do by Mr. Speaker, without any formal communication to the House.

(4) Mr. Speaker shall nominate, at the commencement of every session, a chairman’s panel of not less than ten members to act as temporary chairman of committees when requested by the chairman of ways and means. From this panel, of whom the chairman of ways and means and the deputy chairman shall be ex officio members, Mr. Speaker shall appoint the chairman of each standing committee and
may change the chairman so appointed from time to time. The chairman's panel, of whom three shall be a quorum, shall have power to report their resolutions on matters of procedure relating to standing committees from time to time to the House.

The said Standing Order was amended by adding, at the end thereof, the words:—

"(5) Any member of a Standing Committee may act as temporary Chairman of the Committee when requested by the Chairman of the Committee, provided that it shall not be for more than one quarter of an hour. Paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 47 shall not apply when a temporary Chairman of a Standing Committee is in the Chair."—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Town and Country Planning (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision with respect to Scotland for planning the development and use of land, and for purposes connected therewith (in this resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

A. The charging on the Consolidated Fund of the principal of and interest on stock to be issued under the Act in satisfaction of payments to be made therein in respect of interests in land which are depreciated in value by virtue of the provisions of the Act (not exceeding in the aggregate, together-with payments to be made by virtue of any corresponding provisions which may be enacted in relation to England and Wales, the sum of three hundred million pounds); the charging on and issuing out of that Fund of expenses in connection with the issue and management of any such stock; and the issuing out of that Fund of sums necessary to enable the Central Land Board to be established under any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision for planning the development and use of land (in this resolution referred to as "the Board") to pay interest on any such payments pending the satisfaction thereof.

B. The issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of sums necessary to enable the Board to make other payments under the Act in respect of interests in land which are depreciated as aforesaid, being land which has sustained war damage in such circumstances that the appropriate payment under the War Damage Act, 1945, is a value payment, and to pay interest on such payments pending the satisfaction thereof.

C. The raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939—

(1) for the purpose of providing sums for the redemption of any such stock as is mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution;

(2) for the purpose of providing sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund as mentioned in paragraph A or paragraph B of this resolution, or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued.

D. The payment by the Board into the Exchequer, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of annual instalments equal in the aggregate to the aggregate amount of—

(1) any such payments as are mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution which are satisfied by the issue of stock; and

(2) any sums issued to the Board out of the Consolidated Fund as mentioned in that paragraph in respect of interest on such payments, together with interest on the said aggregate amount; and the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums so paid into the Exchequer, and in their application 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. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in making grants, in accordance with regulations made under the Act, as follows, that is to say—

(i) grants to local planning authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities under the Act or under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, in connection with the acquisition and clearing of land acquired or appropriated by those authorities for or in connection with the redevelopment of areas as a whole, or for the purpose of bringing derelict land into use (including sums paid by those authorities by way of compensation or otherwise in connection with any restriction on the development or use of such land imposed by or under any enactment), not exceeding—

(a) in the case of land acquired or appropriated for the redevelopment as a whole of areas of extensive war damage, or for the relocation of population or industry or the replacement of open space in the course of such redevelopment, ninety per cent. of the annual costs incurred or treated in accordance with regulations as being incurred by the said authorities, in respect of the borrowing of money to defray expenditure in respect of which the grants are made;

(b) in the case of any other land, eighty per cent. of the said annual costs;

(ii) grants to local planning authorities—

(a) in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities in the payment of compensation (other than compensation for the acquisition of land) under the provisions of the Act in that behalf;

(b) in respect of loss incurred by those authorities in connection with the acquisition and clearing of land other than such land as is mentioned in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (including sums paid by those authorities by way of compensation or otherwise in connection with any restriction on the development or use of such land imposed by or under any enactment), not exceeding sixty per cent. of the amount of the expenditure or loss in respect of which the grants are made;

(iii) grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities (including expenditure incurred by joint
committees of which those authorities were constituent authorities) under subsection (4) of section ten of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1932, or under that subsection as applied by section four of the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) (Scotland) Act, 1943, or under subsection (2) of section seven of the said Act of 1943, in connection with applications for permission to develop land dealt with after the eleventh day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-three, or in respect of the revocation or modification, after that date, of any permission to develop land whether granted before or after that date.

F. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the following expenditure, that is to say:

(a) any administrative expenses incurred by any Minister or by the Board in the acquisition of land under powers conferred in that behalf by the Act, other than expenses so incurred which are required to be defrayed out of the Road Fund;

(b) any expenses incurred by any Minister or by the Board in the payment of compensation under section twenty-three of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, as incorporated with the Act;

(c) any expenses incurred by any Minister or by the Board in the payment of compensation under section twenty-three of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, by reason of the provisions of the Act amending that section;

(d) any expenses incurred by any Minister of Transport (other than expenses incurred in the construction or improvement of roads) under the provisions of the Act relating to the stopping up or diversion of highways;

(e) any sums payable into the Road Fund for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Minister of Transport which are required to be defrayed out of that fund by virtue of any of the provisions of the Act;

(f) any sums required by the Board for the repayment, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, of sums received by the Board in respect of development charges (including sums received by the Board in lieu of such charges under the provisions of the Act relating to land of local planning authorities and of development corporations established under the New Towns Act, 1946) or for making contributions towards compensation payable by local planning authorities under the Act;

(g) any expenses incurred by any Minister or by the Board in the payment of compensation for damage caused in the exercise of any power of entry conferred under the Act;

(h) any expenses of any advisory committee, established for the purposes of the Act or of regulations made thereunder;

(i) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State for the purposes of the Act.

G. The payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Board in respect of the disposal of land acquired by the Board under powers conferred in that behalf by the Act.

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th February last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).

That, under any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision with respect to Scotland for planning the development and use of land, and for purposes connected therewith—

(1) There shall be charged, in respect of the carrying out on land of operations for the carrying out of which planning permission is required under the said Act, and in respect of the retention on land of buildings or works, or the continuance of uses of land, in accordance with planning permission granted under the said Act, development charges (or in the case of land acquired or appropriated by local planning authorities for the development or redevelopment of any area as a whole, or land acquired by development corporations under the New Towns Act, 1946, such sums in lieu of development charges) as may be determined in accordance with the provisions of the said Act;

(2) There shall be paid into the Exchequer any sums received by the Central Land Board to be established under any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision for planning the development and use of land, in respect of such development charges or other sums as aforesaid.

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported, from the Committee on Industrial Organisation [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 development councils for industries, for making funds available for certain purposes in relation to industries for which there is no development council, for the disposal of surplus funds levied under emergency provision for encouragement of exports, and for the making of grants to bodies established for the improvement of design, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the following payments out of moneys provided by Parliament, that is to say:

(i) payment of grants to the Council of Industrial Design, or to any association or body the objects of which include promoting the improvement of design in any industry or activities conducing thereto and as to which the Board of Trade is satisfied that it does
not carry on any business for the purpose of making a profit.

(iii) after revocation or expiry of any order imposing charges made under the Defence (Encouragement of Export) Regulations, 1940, payment to any development council established for the industry in relation to which the order was made, or otherwise for purposes connected with that industry, of sums up to the amount of any excess of charges recovered under the order and other receipts of the Board of Trade under arrangements made pursuant to those Regulations over the cost of the relevant services provided thereunder.

(iii) payment of any administrative expenses incurred in the execution of the said Act by any government department;

(b) payment into the Exchequer, after revocation of any order under the said Act imposing charges for purposes in connection with an industry for which there is not a development council, of any excess of charges recovered under the order over expenses incurred for those purposes, in so far as any such excess is not otherwise disposed of under the said Act.

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

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

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

[No. 62.]

Thursday, 6th March, 1947.

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, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

London Passenger Transport Board Bill.

Felixstowe Pier Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 6th March 1947, relative to the terms of repayment of Loans made to Tanganyika Territory out of moneys voted by Parliament.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of an Order, dated 4th March 1947, War Damage. entitled the War Damage (Increase of Value Payments) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st January 1947.

Mr. Secretary Westwood also presented, Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Liver Extract).”

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 1947.

Mr. Bevan also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th February 1947, entitled the Scarce Substances (Revocation) Order, 1947.

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

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

That in the case of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Traction, 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Cotton Industry Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust 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.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Reports of the Committee of Supply of the 11th, 28th and 19th days of February last and on Consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Exchange Control Bill and to the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming India.

the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, yesterday, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House takes note of the Statement on India made on the 20th day of February last by the Prime Minister and approves the policy set out therein;
Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "House," to the end of the Question, and add the words "while re-affirming its determination to provide for the orderly attainment by India of self-government as soon as possible, is unable to accept His Majesty's Government's latest declaration on Indian policy, Command Paper No. 7047, which, by fixing an arbitrary date, prejudices the possibility of working out a stable constitutional plan either for a united or a divided India, which ignores obligations expressed to minorities or sections of opinion, which contains no proposals for security or compensation for members of the Indian Services, and which offers no help to, or association with, India in her hour of destiny," instead thereof;

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

And the Question being put:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Joseph Henderson:} 337.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn:} 185.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Statement on India made on the 18th day of February last by the Prime Minister and approves the policy set out therein.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of February last, that this House doth agree with the Committee in the Second Resolution which, upon the 28th day of February last, was reported from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of February last, that a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £750,000, 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 1947, 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., a supplemental grant in respect of medical benefit, salaries and expenses of the Local Government Boundary Commission, a grant in aid of the National Radium Trust, a grant in aid of the Women's Voluntary Services; and other services.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Supply to take into consideration the Third and Subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 28th day of February last, were reported from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of February last.

Class X.

Vote 3. Ministry of Transport (War Services).

The Third Resolution, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £8,690,000, 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 1947, for the costs of Shipping and Inland Transport Services arising out of the War, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Class VI.

Vote 15. Mercantile Marine Services.

The Fifth Resolution, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £245,000, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of certain Mercantile Marine services, including the expenses of the Coastguard, and the General Register and Record Office of Shipping and Seamen, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Class VIII.

Vote 1. Merchant Seamen's War Pensions.

The Sixth Resolution, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £12,500, 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 1947, for war pensions and allowances (including cost of treatment) arising out of the war of 1914-18, to merchant
seamen and fishermen and their dependants and the expenses of the Fishing Vessels Committee, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Class I.

Vote 44. Ministry of Defence.

The Seventh Resolution, That a sum, not exceeding £494,100, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Class II.

Vote 5. Home Office (War Services).

That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £39,016,710, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 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, contributions to the Joint Export-Import Agency for the Combined Zones of Germany, commodity advances for Germany, and financial assistance to Austria.

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

Class III.

Vote 6. Home Office (War Services).

That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,994,000, 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 1947, for a grant to and grants in aid of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Class IV.


1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,010,000, 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 1947, for the cost of the war services of the Home Office.

Class V.

Vote 19. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland (Supplementary).

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 1947, 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 Tribunals in Northern Ireland.

Class VI.

Vote 1. Ministry of Works.

10. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £3,994,000, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Works.
The first six Resolutions being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Seventh Resolution being read a second time:
An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, by leaving out "£420,000," and inserting "£419,900."—(Mr. Peake).—instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That "£420,000" stand part of the Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Resolution was agreed to.
The Eighth Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.
The Ninth 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 the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;
Friday, 7th March, 1947:
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Tenth Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Exchange 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.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) 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 Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the City of Lincoln, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment.
proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
Mr. Michael Stewart:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Thursday evening and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then eighteen minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[No. 63.]
Friday, 7th March, 1947.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.
P R AY E R S .

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 27th February 1947, authorising the temporary Application of the Excesses of the Sums realised on account of Appropriations in Aid on certain Navy Votes for the year 1945-46, 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.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of the 19th of February 1947, entitled the Domestic Pottery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st March 1947, entitled the Domestic Pottery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

Copies of Directions, dated 2nd March 1947, entitled—
(1) the Utility Apparel (Oilskins) (No. 3) Directions, 1947.
(2) the Utility Apparel (Oilskins) (No. 4) Directions, 1947.
(3) the Woven Non-Wool Cloth (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Directions, 1947.
(4) the Rugs (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Directions, 1947.
Copy of an Order, dated 1st March 1947, entitled the Domestic Pottery (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1947.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an
Order, dated 3rd March 1947, entitled the South Bedford (Conservation of Water) Order, 1947, 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.


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 and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1946-47.

Class X.

Vote 1.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £40,840,000, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food; the cost of trading services including certain subsidies; and sundry other services.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Class VI.

Vote 2.

Ministry of Food.

2. £3,134,000 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and subordinate departments, including the cost of certain trading services; assistance and subsidies to certain industries; certain grants in aid; and other services.

Class II.

Vote 14.

India and Burma Services.

3. £66,881 (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 for sundry India and Burma services, including certain grants in aid.

Class II.

Vote 10.

Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.

4. £10 (Supplementary) for sundry Colonial and Middle Eastern Services under His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain non-effective services and grants in aid.

Class VII.

Vote 3.

Houses of Parliament Buildings.

5. £58,800 (Supplementary) for expenditure in respect of Houses of Parliament buildings.

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Class VII.

Vote 6.

Public Buildings, Great Britain.

6. £30 (Supplementary) for expenditure in respect of sundry public buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

Class VII.

Vote 7.

Public Buildings Overseas.

7. £87,000 (Supplementary) for expenditure in respect of public buildings overseas.

Class I.

Vote 4.

Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

8. £12,631 (Supplementary) for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments, including additional salary payable to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the salary and expenses of the Minister without Portfolio, the expenses of representation in India and a grant in aid.

Class X.

Vote 8.

Advances to Allies, &c.

9. £10 (Supplementary) for advances to the Governments of Allied, &c., Countries and for the expenses of the Interim Treasury Committee for Polish Questions.

Revenue Departments.

Vote 3.

Post Office.

10. £2,400,000 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones.

Class I.

Vote 2.

House of Commons.

Motion made, and Question proposed, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons.

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 come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

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

(Mr. Michael Stewart.)

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

A BILL to empower the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Traction Company to run trolley vehicles on additional routes; 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 a Report of an Inquiry by Lord Justice Tucker into the Proceedings at the Hearing of two Informations against William Herbert Lewis before Justices of the Aberayron Division of the County of Cardigan on the 24th day of April 1946.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1947, entitled the Stopping-Up of Highways (Stuart Street, Manchester) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th March 1947, entitled the Sale of Strawberry Plants and Blackcurrant Bushes (Scotland) Order, 1947.

Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1947, entitled the School Health Service (Scotland) Regulations, 1947.

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 4th March 1947, entitled the Knives, Spoons and Forks (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

(2) dated 4th March 1947, entitled the Toilet Preparations (Maximum Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1947, and

(3) dated 5th March 1947, entitled the Rubber Footwear (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 4th March 1947, entitled the Cutlery, Spoons and Forks (Control) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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


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 1st March 1947, entitled the Cereal Breakfast Foods (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Summer Summer Time Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Motion relating to the Economic Situation and of the Committee of Supply 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 Economic being proposed, That this House welcomes the laying before Parliament of a survey of the nation's requirements and resources for the year 1947, is concerned at the seriousness of the situation disclosed, and will support the Government in all practical measures taken in co-operation with all sections of the people of the country to overcome the difficulties and to make secure the foundations of our industry so as to provide a high standard of living for our people—(Sir Stafford Cripps):—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.—

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

(Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1946–47)

Class V.


1. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Health for Scotland; including grants and other expenses in connection with housing, town and country planning and the creation of new towns; hospital grants and services; general health grants and services, including a supplementary grant in respect of medical benefit and a grant in aid of the Highlands and Islands Medical Service Fund; water and sewerage grants and services; and other services.

Class II.

Vote 2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c.

2. £1,120,010 (Supplementary), for the expenses in connection with His Majesty's Embassies, Missions and Consular Establishments Abroad; certain special grants and payments, including grants in aid; and sundry other services.


3. £268,910 (Supplementary), for a contribution towards the expenses of the United Nations and for other expenses in connection therewith.
Vote 16. Assistance to Greece.

4. £19,000,000 for a contribution to the cost of the Greek Armed Forces and for a gift to the Greek Government of certain civilian goods.

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 tomorrow.

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

Adjournment.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

[No. 65.]

Tuesday, 11th March, 1947.

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

Inland Revenue.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Eighty-ninth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty’s Inland Revenue 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,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th March 1947, entitled The Potatoes (1946 Crop) (No. 2) (Amendment Order No. 4) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: Brigadier Low; and had appointed in substitution Sir Arnold Gridley.

Mr. Burden reported from Standing Committee C: Cotton (Centralised Buying) Bill.

Bill 45.

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. 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; 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 War Damage (Increase of Value Payments) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1047, No. 390), a copy of which was presented on the 6th day of this instant March, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to it, on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooks reported from the Committee on Swindon Corporation Bill.

Group A of Private Bills, that they had examined the allegations of the Swindon Corporation Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

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 yesterday, That this House welcomes the laying before Parliament of a survey of the nation’s requirements and resources for the year 1947; is concerned at the seriousness of the situation disclosed, and will support the Government in all practical measures taken in co-operation with all sections of the people of the country to overcome the difficulties and to make secure the foundations of our industry so as to provide a high standard of living for our people;

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

A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral Royal Assent. Sir Geoffrey Blake, 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 follows:  
5. Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1947.  

And the Question being again proposed, That this House welcomes the laying before Parliament of a survey of the nation's requirements and resources for the year 1947, is concerned at the seriousness of the situation disclosed, and will support the Government in all practical measures taken in co-operation with all sections of the people of the country to overcome the difficulties and to make secure the foundations of our industry so as to provide a high standard of living for our people:—And a Debate arising thereupon; 

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Whiteley):—

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.  
The Yeas to the Right:—The Noes to the Left.  
Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Simmons;  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Martin Lindsay, Mr. Nicholson:— 
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.  
Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.  
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

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

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1946-47.  
Class I.  
Vote 2. House of Commons.  
£10 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons.  
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.  
Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee;  

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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**Wednesday, 12th March, 1947.**

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

**Prayers.**

Mr. Gwili Hall presented, by His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, a Statement of the sum required to be voted to make good an excess on the grant for Scientific Investigation, etc., for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946.

Mr. Gwili Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the Trustee Savings Banks and a Report of the Trustee Savings Banks Inspection Committee (for the year ended the 30th day of November 1946).  
Ordered, That the Paper relative to Trustee Savings Banks do lie upon the Table; and that the said Statement be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Metropolitan Cattle Market, a Report of the Chamberlain of the City of London in relation to the Metropolitan Cattle Market for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946; Also, Account of Extraordinary Works executed, other than General Repairs, for the same period.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command, a Copy of an Agreement between His Britannic Majesty and His Highness the Amir of Trans-Jordan respecting the part of the Haifa—Baghdad Road which passes through Trans-Jordan, signed at Amman on the 10th day of July 1941.

Copy of an Agreement between His Britannic Treaty Series Majesty and His Highness the Amir of Trans-Jordan respecting the Trans-Jordan Oil Mining Law (No. 18 of 1940), signed at Amman on the 19th day of July 1941.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of a Report of the Advisory Council on Education in Scotland relative to Secondary Education.  
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) Kettering Town Council.
(2) Tonbridge Rural District Council.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Minister of Transport upon the Caledonian Canal, with Account, for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1946.

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 under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mold Gas and Water Company.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Dr. Segal and Dr. Siroos; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Holman and Mr. William Williams.

Mr. Isaacs, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Alexander, Sir Stafford Cripps, and Mr. Ness Edwards, presented a Bill to confine the operation of the National Service Acts to male British subjects and to service in the armed forces of the Crown; to make provision as to the terms and conditions of such service and as to the period for which those Acts shall continue in operation; 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. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Glenvil Hall and Mr. Oliver, presented a Bill to enlarge the legislative power of the Parliament of Northern Ireland in respect of certain matters and in connection therewith, to remove doubts regarding the validity of certain laws made by that Parliament; to validate the Fire Services (Emergency Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1942; to apply Part III of the Requisitioned Land and War Works Act, 1945, to Northern Ireland; to extend section two of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1945; 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant March, That this House welcomes the laying before Parliament of a survey of the nation's require-
Thursday, 13th March, 1947.

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 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. :—

Helston and Fonthill Water Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

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,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th March 1947, entitled the Vestry of St. Giles Without Cripplegate (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th March 1947, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Building Societies Acts) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement of Proposed Action by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom regarding the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation Instrument of Amendment, 1946, and the Final Articles Revision Convention, 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 March 1947, entitled the Sugar (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.

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 12th March 1947, entitled the Control of Fuel (Dog Racecourse) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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. Arthur Greenwood.)

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. Secretary Beilenger) ;

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 considers that a comprehensive scheme of reforms should be introduced into Army administration to increase the efficiency of the service thereby enabling a substantial number of additional men to be demobilised at an early date”—(Mr. Wynd), instead thereof ;

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

And the Main Question being again proposed ;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning ;

Friday, 14th March, 1947 :

And the Question being put :

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(in the Committee.)


Vote A. Number of Land Forces.

1. Resolved, That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 1,210,000, all ranks, be maintained for the safety of the United Kingdom and the defence of the possessions of His Majesty's Crown, excluding those serving in India on the Indian Establishment and paid directly out of the revenues of the Governor-General in Council and those serving in Burma on the Burma Establishment and paid directly out of the revenues of Burma, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

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

1. £114,815,000, for the Pay, &c., of the Army.

Vote 2. Reserve Forces, Territorial Army and Cadet Forces.

3. £4,889,000, for the Reserve Forces (to a number not exceeding 71,000, all ranks, for the Royal Army Reserve), Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 172,880, all ranks) and Cadet Forces.

Vote 6. Supplies, &c.

4. £61,250,000, for Supplies, &c.


5. £43,000,000, for Works, Buildings and Lands.

Vote 10, Non-effective Services.

6. £15,028,000, for Non-effective Services.

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, this day,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee
of Supply of the 11th day of this instant March, a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:
Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue.
Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1946–47.

Class I

Vote 2. House of Commons.

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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Captain Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Four of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 68.]

Friday, 14th March, 1947.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRA YERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust Bill, 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 Notes exchanged at Mecca and Jedda, on the 3rd day of October 1943, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Saudi Arabia prolonging the Treaty of Jedda of the 18th of May 1927, as modified by the Notes exchanged on the 3rd day of October 1936.

Copy of a Trade Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom (acting on behalf of His Highness the Sheikh of Kuwait) and the Government of Saudi Arabia, signed at Jedda on the 20th day of April 1942 (Ratifications exchanged at Jedda on the 1st day of May 1943).

Copy of an Agreement for the Extradition of Offenders between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom (acting on behalf of His Highness the Sheikh of Kuwait) and the Government of Saudi Arabia (with Notes exchanged relating to Smuggling Offences), signed at Jedda on the 20th day of April 1942 (Ratifications exchanged at Jedda on the 1st day of May 1943).

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th March 1947, entitled the Housing (Equalisation Account) (Scotland) Regulations, 1947.


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 8th March 1947, entitled the Miscellaneous Haberdashery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.


Copy of an Order, dated 10th March 1947, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Rubber Gloves) Licence, 1947.

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 11th March 1947, entitled the Cheese (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Lindgren presented, pursuant to the Civil directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Civil Aviation (Air Transport Advisory Council) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported, from the Committee on Air Navigation (Money), a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:
That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for giving effect to a Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago, it is expedient—
(a) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—
(i) any sums payable by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom by way of contribution to the expenses of the International Civil Aviation Organisation under the said Convention;
(ii) any expenses incurred by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom appointed for any purposes connected with the said Convention as may be approved by the Treasury;
(iii) any expenses incurred by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom for the purposes of Chapter XV of the said Convention (which relates to the provision of airports and other air navigation facilities); and
(iv) any other expenses incurred by a government department by reason of the said Act; and
(b) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of—
(i) all sums received by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom...
by way of repayment of expenses incurred for the purposes of the said Chapter XV; and
(ii) all sums received by way of fees paid under any Order in Council under the said Act other than fees which, under an order made under section two of the Air Navigation Act, 1936, are paid to any body to whom functions of the Minister of Civil Aviation are delegated by virtue of the order.

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

Air Navigation Bill [Lords].

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Air Navigation Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 4 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 4 to 6 amended, and agreed to.
A Clause (Extra-territorial operation of laws of Newfoundland and Southern Rhodesia)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—brought up and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Nuisance caused by aircraft on aerodromes)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—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. Simmons:
Mr. Daines:
Mr. Lindgren:
Tellers for the Noes, Lieutenant - Colonel Thorp:
Major Ramsay:
Clause added.

Another Clause (Financial provisions)—(Mr. Lindgren)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
Schedule agreed to.
Preamble 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. Daines reported from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1946-47.
Class X.

Vote 2. Ministry of Food.

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £49,840,000, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food; the cost of trading services including certain subsidies; and sundry other services.

Class VI.

Vote 1. Board of Trade.

Supplementary.

2. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £13,134,000, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and subordinate departments, including the cost of certain trading services; assistance and subsidies to certain industries; certain grants in aid; and other services.

Class II.


3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £66,881, 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 1947, 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 for sundry India and Burma services, including certain grants in aid.

Class II.

Vote 10. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.

4. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, to 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 1947, 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 VII.


5. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £58,800, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for expenditure in respect of Houses of Parliament buildings.

Class VII.

Vote 6. Public Buildings, Great Britain.

6. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £16,700, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for expenditure in respect of sundry public buildings in Great Britain, not provided for in other Votes.

Class VII.

Vote 7. Public Buildings Overseas.

7. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £97,000, 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 1947, for expenditure in respect of public buildings overseas.

Class I.

Vote 4.

Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

8. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £12,631, 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 1947, for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments, including additional salary payable to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the salary and expenses of the Minister without Portfolio, the expenses of representation in India and a grant in aid.

Class X.

Vote 8. Advances to Allies, &c.

9. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for advances to the Governments of Allied, &c., Countries and for the expenses of the Interim Treasury Committee for Polish Questions.

Revenue Departments.

Vote 3. Post Office.

10. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £2,400,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones.

The First Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, by leaving out "£49,829,000," and inserting "£49,840,000," (Captain Crookshank),—instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That "£49,840,000" stand part of the Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That Consideration of the remaining Resolutions be now adjourned.—(Mr. Whiteley).

Ordered, That the Second and subsequent Resolutions be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1946-47.

Class V.


1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Health for Scotland; including grants and other expenses in connection with housing, town and country planning and the creation of new towns; hospital grants and services; general health grants and services including a supplemental grant in respect of medical benefit and a grant in aid of the Highlands and Islands Medical Service Fund; water and sewerage grants and services; and other services.

Class II.

Vote 2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c.

2. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,120,010, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the expenses in connection with His Majesty's Embassies, Missions and Consular Establishments Abroad; certain special grants and payments, including grants in aid; and sundry other services.

Vote 5. United Nations

3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £265,019 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 1947, for a contribution towards the expenses of the United Nations for and for other expenses in connection therewith.

Vote 16. Assistance to Greece.

4. That a sum not exceeding £19,000,000, 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 1947, for a contribution to the cost of the Greek Armed Forces and for a gift to the Greek Government of certain civilian goods.

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

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Snow):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed after Four of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, as applied by the Order made upon the 12th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 69.]


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

Prayers.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Appropriations directions of several Acts of Parliament, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, as applied by the Order made upon the 12th day of November last, and upon certain Store Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Account be printed.
Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1947, entitled the Electricity (Reduction of Consumption) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Bellenger presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 10th March 1947, entitled the Hill Sheep (Scotland) Scheme.

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

Mr. Secretary Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th March 1947, entitled the Malayan Union (Amendment) Order in Council, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th March 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled Post-War Contribution of British Agriculture to the Saving of Foreign Exchange.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the direction 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) Bangor Town Council.
(2) Camborne-Redruth Urban District Council.
(3) Cumberland County Council.
(4) Gateshead County Borough Council.
(5) Thurrock Urban District Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Treasury Pensions Account, the Pensions Account and the Pensions (Scotland) Account and of the Treasury Special Pensions Account, the Special Pensions Account and the Special Pensions (Scotland) Account, showing the Receipts and Payments during the year ended the 31st day of March 1946; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

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

The Order of the day being read for the Supply (Air Estimates),

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker);

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 welcomes the introduction of an extended service scheme for the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, particularly in view of their contribution to the work of the service during the war and the effect of its success will have on the future of the Women's Service; and considers that the Women's Service should be established as a permanent part of the Regular Air Force."—(Mrs. Nichol), 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.)


Vote A. Number for Air Force Service.

1. Resolved, That a number of officers and airmen, not exceeding 370,000, all ranks, be maintained for Air Force Service, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.


2. £60,300,000 for the Pay, &c., of the Air Force.

Vote 7. Technical Supplies and Services.

3. £57,958,000, for Technical Supplies and Services.

Vote 8. Works and Lands.

4. £28,000,000, for Works and Lands.

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.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Hannan); And it being Ten 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. Hannan);—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour. Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairman), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Burden Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Agriculture Bill in place of Colonel Ropner.

[No. 70.]

Tuesday, 18th March, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Traction Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command—Copy of Resolutions adopted by the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration at its Sixth Session, held at Washington, D.C., during the period from the 10th to the 13th day of December 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Shinwell and Mr. Oliver, presented a Bill to make temporary provision for limiting betting on licensed dog racecourses to Saturdays and certain other days, for varying for those days the restrictions on the number of races on which and the time during which such betting may take place, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 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).—(The Prime Minister).

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Navy Estimates).

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Mr. Dugdale);—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "this" the word "Mr. Koenan,"—instead thereof.

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

And the Main Question being again proposed;—And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

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 Long Eaton 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.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the Supply and Services (Transitional Powers) Bill, 1946, entitled the General Permit (Reduction of Electricity Consumption) No. 2.

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 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 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden, supported by Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Shinwell and Mr. Oliver, presented a Bill to make temporary provision for limiting betting on licensed dog racecourses to Saturdays and certain other days, for varying for those days the restrictions on the number of races on which and the time during which such betting may take place, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 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).—(The Prime Minister).

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Mr. Dugdale);—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "this" the word "Mr. Koenan,"—instead thereof.

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

And the Main Question being again proposed;—And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;
Wednesday, 19th March 1947:

And the Question being put:
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee).


Vote A. Numbers.

1. Resolved, That 191,000 Officers, Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines, excluding those on release leave, be employed for the Sea Service together with 1,665 Royal Marine Police, born 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 1. Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and Women's Royal Naval Service.

2. £42,467,000, for wages, &c., of officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and Women's Royal Naval Service.

Vote 2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy.

3. £14,171,000, for victualling and clothing for the Navy, including the cost of victualling establishments at home and abroad.

Vote 3. Medical Establishments and Services.

4. £1,680,000, for medical services, including the cost of medical establishments at home and abroad.

Vote 4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services.

5. £4,655,000, for civilians employed on fleet services.

Vote 10. Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad.

6. £10,250,000, for works, buildings and repairs at home and abroad, including the cost of superintendence, purchase of sites, grants and other charges connected therewith.


7. £13,765,000, for non-effective services.

Civil (Excess), 1945–46.

8. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £2,537 3s., be granted to His Majesty, to make good an excess on the grant for Scientific Investigation, &c., for the year ending the 31st day of March 1946.

Vote 4.

8. Resolved, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust 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, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated the 19th March 1947, relative to the supply of certain food-stuffs to Moldavia.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to

(1) the Urban District of Brixham,
(2) the Urban District of Ellesmere Port,
(3) the Urban District of Felixstowe, and
(4) the Urban District of Marlowe.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Notes exhaustively explaining the Treaty Series No. 16, 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Govern-
Report.

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 Local Government (Scotland) Bill.

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 18th March 1947, entitled the Cultivation of Lands (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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:

Accounts of the Unemployment 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 theron.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

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

That notwithstanding anything in paragraphs (2) and (4) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply) the Proceedings on Consideration of the Second and subsequent Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant March may be taken before or after Ten of the clock, and that those Proceedings be exempted, at the said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That notwithstanding anything in paragraphs (2) and (4) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply) the Proceedings on Consideration of the Second and subsequent Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant March may be taken before or after Ten of the clock, and that those Proceedings be exempted, at the said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Simms, 264.]

Tellers for the [Major Conant, 111.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.


Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of February last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1947–48 (Vote on Account).

That a sum, not exceeding £280,434,000, 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 1948, viz.:—

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Scotland —

| 26. Scottish Home Department | 227,000 |

Class II.

| 1. Foreign Office | 1,000,000 |
| 2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c. | 6,000,000 |
| 3. British Council | 1,200,000 |
| 4. United Nations | 792,000 |
| 5. Dominions Office | 52,000 |
| 6. Dominion Services | 157,000 |
| 7. Oversea Settlement | 30,000 |
| 8. Colonial Office | 230,000 |
| 9. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services | 1,200,000 |
| 10. West African Produce Control Board | 5,000 |
| 11. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) | 2,000,000 |
| 12. Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories) | 70,000 |
| 13. India and Burma Services | 13,351,000 |
| 14. Imperial War Graves Commission | 100,000 |

Class III.

| 1. Home Office | 420,000 |
| 2. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum | 54,000 |
| 3. Police, England and Wales | 10,060,000 |
| 4. Prisons, England and Wales | 1,300,000 |
| 5. Approved Schools, &c., England and Wales | 350,000 |
| 6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. | 24,000 |
| 7. County Courts, &c. | 150,000 |
| 8. Land Registry | 10 |
| 9. Public Trustee | 31,000 |
| 10. Law Charges | 140,000 |
| 11. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses | 39,000 |

Scotland —

| 12. Police | 50,000 |
| 13. Prisons | 175,000 |
| 14. Approved Schools, &c. | 75,000 |
| 15. Scottish Land Court | 4,000 |
| 16. Law Charges and Courts of Law | 34,000 |
| 17. Register House, Edinburgh | 10 |

Ireland —

| 18. Northern Ireland Services | 4,000 |
| 19. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland | 24,000 |
| 20. Irish Land Purchase Services | 615,000 |

Class IV.

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The said Resolution being read a second time;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;
And it being Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to the Standing Order (Business of Supply), to put forthwith the S.O. (Business Question necessary to dispose of the Report of Supply), of the Resolution.
And the Question being put; 
Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to supply, take into consideration the Second and sub-[19th March]sequent Resolutions which, upon the 14th day of this instant March, were reported from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant March.

The Second Resolution (Class VI. Vote 1. Board of Trade)—
That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £3,134,000, 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 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade, and subordinate departments, including the cost of certain
trading services; assistance and subsidies to certain industries; certain grants in aid; and other services, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, by leaving out "£3,134,000," and inserting "£3,133,500"—(Captain Crookshank)—instead thereof;

And the Question being proposed, That "£3,134,000" stand part of the Resolution:

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

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Third Resolution (Class II. Vote 14. India and Burma Services.)—That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £66,881, 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 1947, 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 for sundry India and Burma services, including certain grants in aid, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Fourth Resolution (Class II. Vote 10. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services.)—That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,100, 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 1947, 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, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Fifth Resolution (Class VII. Vote 3. House of Parliament Buildings.)—That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £458,800, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for expenditure in respect of Houses of Parliament buildings, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Sixth Resolution (Class VII. Vote 6. Public Buildings, Great Britain.)—That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,100, 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 1947, for expenditure in respect of sundry public buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Seventh Resolution (Class VII. Vote 7. Public Buildings Overseas.)—That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £87,000, 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 1947, for expenditure in respect of public buildings overseas, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Eighth Resolution (Class I. Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.)—That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £12,631, 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 1947, for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments, including additional salary payable to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the salary and expenses of the Minister without Portfolio, the expenses of representation in India and a grant in aid, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Ninth Resolution (Class X. Vote 8. Advances to Allies, &c.)—That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £12,631, 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 1947, for advances to the Governments of Allied, &c., Countries and for the expenses of the Interim Treasury Committee for Polish Questions, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Tenth Resolution (Revenue Department. Vote 3. Post Office)—That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £2,400,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1947, for the salaries and expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

Mr. Michael Stewart.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Lindgren 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 1946. 

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, That they had gone through the National Health Service (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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.

Mr. Secretary Bevin, supported by Mr. McNeil presented a Bill to provide for carrying into effect Treaties of Peace between His Majesty and certain other powers: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Supply of the 18th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

### Navy Estimates, 1947–48

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<td>1. That 191,000 Officers, Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines, excluding those on release leave, be employed for the Sea Service together with 1,665 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 1948.</td>
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<td>2. That a sum, not exceeding £42,467,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of wages, &amp;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 1948.</td>
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<td>3. That a sum, not exceeding £14,177,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of victualling and clothing for the Navy, including the cost of victualling establishments at home and abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.</td>
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<td>4. That a sum, not exceeding £1,680,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of medical services, including the cost of medical establishments at home and abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.</td>
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5. That a sum, not exceeding £4,655,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of civilians employed on fleet services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

Vote 10. Scientific Investigation, &c., &c., for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1946.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £2,537 3s., be granted to His Majesty, to make good an excess on the grant for Scientific Investigation, &c., &c., for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1946.

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

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<td>3. That a sum, not exceeding £5,889,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of the Reserve Forces (to a number not exceeding 72,880, all ranks) and Cadet Forces, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.</td>
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Lands.
Works, Buildings and Lands.

Supply
(17th March) Report.

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Vote 1. That a sum, not exceeding £60,300,000, 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 1948.

Vote 2. That a sum, not exceeding £57,958,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of technical supplies and services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

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Vote 4. That a sum, not exceeding £28,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of works and lands, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

Vote 5. That a sum, not exceeding £43,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of works, buildings and lands, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

Vote 6. That a sum, not exceeding £61,250,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of supplies, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

Vote 7. That a number of officers and airmen, not exceeding 270,000, will be maintained for Air Force Service, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

Vote 8. That a sum, not exceeding £15,028,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of non-effective services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

Vote 9. That a sum, not exceeding £7,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of non-effective services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.


1. That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-six, the sum of £212,400,454 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven and one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, the sum of £3,353,062,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

3. That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, the sum of £2,537,383 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 18th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) 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-six, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, and one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight: And the said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the discipline and regulation of the Army and the Air Force; and that Mr. Secretary Bellenger, Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, Mr. John Dugdale, Mr. John Freeman, and Mr. de Freitas do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn to meet again at the hour of Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

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In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker has re-appointed Colonel Ropner Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Agriculture Bill in place of Mr. Burden.

[No. 74.]


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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 17th March 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1947,
(2) dated 17th March 1947, entitled the Utility Handkerchiefs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947, and
(3) dated 18th March 1947, entitled the Toilet Requisites (Maximum Prices) (Revo-cation) Order, 1947.

Copy of Directions, dated 17th March 1947, entitled the Knitted Goods (Amendment) (No. 4) Directions, 1947.

Copies of Orders, dated 17th March 1947, entitled—

(1) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 78) Order, 1947,
(2) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 79) Order, 1947, and
(3) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 80) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th March 1947, entitled the South Eastern Counties Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1947, entitled the Whitehaven Compulsory Purchase Confirmation Order, 1947, together with 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.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order dated 18th March 1947, entitled the Soft Drinks (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report of the Inter-departmental Committee on the Assessment of Disablement due to Specified Injuries.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, 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 South Bedford (Conservation of Water) Order, 1947.

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 follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Polish Resettlement 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 Air Navigation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Polish Resettlement Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed. Bill 53.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill:

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday 25th March 1947:

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, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill was, Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

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

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
Tuesday, 25th March, 1947.

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.—

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Traction Bill,
London and North Eastern Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Swindon Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Mr. Gwennl Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of January 1947, compiled from returns furnished to the Treasury.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Lords and desire their concurrence (the Lords to the Civic Restaurants Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow ; and be printed.

Complaint being made by Mr. Byers, Member Privilege, for the County of Warwick (Rugby Division), of certain actions by the Executive Committee of the Civil Service Clerical Association, which he submitted were calculated improperly to influence Mr. William Brown, Member for the County of Warwick (Rugby Division), in the exercise of his Parliamentary duties, and constituted a breach of the Privileges of this House ; Ordered, That the Matter of the Complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

In the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and 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 Mr. Speaker's Table; and the Lords and desire their concurrence (the Certificate, 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Rural proposed, That this House urges the necessity Housing, of immediate action to improve housing conditions in rural areas, both by means of new building and by reconditioning of existing houses—(Captain Crosthank) ;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. r., by leaving out from the words "House," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "welcomes the steps which the Government has already taken to repair the consequences of many years of neglect in rural housing and urges the necessity of continuing action to improve water supplies, sanitation and housing conditions, by means of new building first, and, when conditions permit, by reconditioning suitable existing houses for occupation on a tenancy by agricultural and other workers"—(Mr. Dumpleton)—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 [Commander Agnew, Yeas, 100.]

Tellers for the [Captain Snow, Noes, Mr. Popplewell: 241.]

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

Tellers for the [Captain Snow, Yeas, Mr. Popplewell: 232.]

Tellers for the [Noes, Mr. Studdholme, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp: 93.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House welcomes the steps which the Government has already taken to repair the consequences of many years of neglect in rural housing and urges the necessity of continuing action to improve water supplies, sanitation and housing conditions, by means of new building first, and, when conditions permit, by reconditioning suitable existing houses for occupation on a tenancy by agricultural and other workers.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill:

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Snow)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then ten minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
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. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Industrial Organisation Bill) :—Sir John Barlow, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Bowen, Mrs. Castle, Mr. Challen, Mr. Cobb, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Drayson, Mr. Driberg, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. John Jones, Mr. Martin Lindsay, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Mallalieu, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Parkin, Mr. Pitman, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Harold Roberts, Wing Commander Shackleton, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Norman Smith, Captain Snow, Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Urson and Mr. Woodburn.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following fifteen Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill) :—Mr. Becherwaide, Mr. Farthing, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Kinley, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McAdam, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Moody, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Harry Wallace, Mr. Warbe, Mr. David Williams, Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Zilliacus.

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Message from the Lords.

Dog Racecourse Betting (Temporary Provisions) Bill.

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Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dog Racecourse Betting (Temporary Provisions) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 10 agreed to.

A Clause (Welfare Committees) — (Mr. William Wells)—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 Army Act, section 49)— (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Allen)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Forestry dedication covenants and enforcement thereof).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out from the word “dispute,” to the word “be,” in l. 12, and insert the words “in accordance with a determination by the arbitration of an arbitrator appointed in default of agreement by the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.”—(Captain Crookshank.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Restriction on compulsory acquisition of certain land).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 8, at the end, to insert the words “of or land as to which no such covenant or agreement is in force but which is being used and managed in accordance with the rules or practice of good forestry.”—(Mr. Vane.)

Question, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Conant:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell:

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Deduction of grants from compensation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 28, to leave out the word “advances,” and insert the words “amount of the advances after deducting therefrom any income tax and surtax charged and paid thereon.”—(Major Mott-Radclyffe.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 34, to leave out the words “the rate of,” and insert the words “rate not exceeding:”—(Major Mott-Radclyffe.)

Question, That the words “the rate of,” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, to leave out ll. 38 to 42.—(Major Mott-Radclyffe.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 7 and 8 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Polish Resettlement 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 Mr. Solicitor General be discharged from the Committee of Privileges; and that Mr. Attorney General be added to the Committee.

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

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

[No. 77.]
Thursday, 27th March, 1947.
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, having been referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

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

Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1947, entitled the Biscuits (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th March 1947, entitled the Biscuits (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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, 1946, 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 Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of the Privy Council on proposed Reforms in the Channel Islands.
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 Provisional Regulations, dated 21st March 1947, entitled the Miscellaneous Grants (Glasgow School of Nautical Cookery) Provisional Regulations, 1947.
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 22nd March 1947, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Sandal and Slipper Soles) Licence, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st March 1947, entitled the Control of Paper (No. 82) Order, 1947.
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 Licence, dated 22nd March 1947, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Sandals) Licence, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st March 1947, entitled the Control of Paper (No. 82) Order, 1947.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th March 1947, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Contracts) Regulations, 1947.
Hydrocarbon Oils (Preference).

Certificate regarding the Rate of Preference for British Hydrocarbon Oils during the year ended the 31st day of December 1946.

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

Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils (Runnymede, Widnes Bridge, &c.) Bill [Lords].

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 148 relating to Private Business (Report of Attorney General in case of Bill affecting any charity or educational foundation)—Report by him on the Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils (Runnymede, Widnes Bridge, &c.) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.


The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Felixstowe Urban District Council Bill, and amended the same by leaving out the allegations relating to the transfer of the pier authorized by the Felixstowe Pier Order, 1900, to the Council, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Felixstowe Urban District Council Bill.

Title amended.

Message from the Lords.

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dog Racecourse Betting (Temporary Provisions) 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.

Dog Racecourse Betting (Temporary Provisions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fire Services Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

A Message was delivered by 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:


And the Question being again proposed, Fire Services Bill. That the Fire Services Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and 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 Fire Services [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 make further provision for fire services in Great Britain, to transfer fire-fighting functions from the National Fire Service to brigades maintained by local authorities, to provide for the combination of areas for fire service purposes, to make further provision, for pensions and other awards in respect of persons employed in connection with the provision of fire services, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (in this Resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament:

A. Of any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred—
   (i) in making grants to authorities in respect of expenditure in connection with the provision of fire services; of amounts not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of such expenditure;
   (ii) in the provision of instruction in matters relating to fire services;
   (iii) in the provision of equipment for purchase by fire authorities for the discharge of their functions under the Act;

B. Of any expenses of the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty in connection with (the making of grants to authorities for) the purposes of the Act, in any case to such extent as may be necessary.
(iv) in giving effect to provisions of the Act relating to pensions, allowances and gratuities in respect of service in fire brigades and other service which under the Act is to be reckoned as equivalent to such service, and in making payments to other authorities in respect of liabilities incurred by them for pension purposes, and in the payment of compensation in respect of loss of emoluments or pension;

(v) in defraying expenses of Advisory Councils constituted under the Act;

(vi) in paying remuneration to inspectors, assistant inspectors and other officers appointed under the Act, and of any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in giving effect to the Act.

B. Of any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Personal Injuries (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1946, the enactments relating to the superannuation of persons employed by local authorities, and the Fire Services (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1941, being an increase attributable to the provisions of the Act;

and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any receipts of the Secretary of State under the Act.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

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 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.

(4) the Rural District of Whitby.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

[No. 78.]

Friday, 28th March, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Swindon Corporation Bill was read Swindon Corporation Bill.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments.

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 do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to Goods and Services (Price Control). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 17th March 1947, entitled the Acquisition of Land (Owner-Occupier) (Scotland) Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food). Amendment No. 4 Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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 Rural District of Hambledon, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of this instant March, 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 Sheffield, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes before Five 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 Fire Services Bill to Standing Committee B.

PRAYERS.

[No. 79.]


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

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, and in pursuance of the Government Annuities Investment Fund in 1946: Also, Statement of payments and of current contracts made during the year, and of current contracts at the end of the year.

Copy of Regulations, dated 31st March 1947, entitled the Non-Contributory Old Age Pensions Regulations, 1947. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Britannic Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol of Conference, the Proceedings of the Berlin Conference, (No. 6, 1947), signed at Berlin on the 2nd day of August 1945.
Crimea Conference (Miscellaneous, No. 7, 1947).

Copy of a Protocol of the Proceedings of the Crimea Conference, signed at Yalta, on the 11th day of February 1945.

Paper entitled Military Conclusions of the Tebran Conference, intituled at Tehran, on the 1st day of December 1943.

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

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper containing correspondence relating to a Petition from the Bermuda Workers' Association praying for the appointment of a Royal Commission.

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 28th February, 1947.

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 28th February, 1947.

Poor Law.

Mr. Bevan also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1947, entitled the Birmingham (Adjudicating Officers) Order, 1947.

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

Trade Disputes.

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of a Court of Inquiry into the causes of industrial unrest in the Wire and Wire Rope Industry.

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Essential Work).

Mr. Isaacs also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1947, entitled the Essential Work (Shipbuilding and Ship-repairing Orders) (Revocation) Order, 1947.

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 Transport of the Proceedings of the Ministry of Transport under the Light Railways Acts, 1896 and 1912, and the Railways Act, 1921, in 1940.

Railways (Light Railways).

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, as amended by the Savings Bank Act, 1920, during the year ended the 20th day of November 1945, and of the interest thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 in cases where the disablement or death of members of the Military Forces or Home Guard is due to service during the 1939 World War.

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

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 24th March 1947, entitled the Local Education Authorities Grant Provisional Amending Regulations No. 1, 1947.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Permit, dated 28th March 1947, entitled the General Permit (Reduction of Electricity Consumption) No. 3.

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 26th March 1947, entitled the Control of Non-Ferrous Metals (No. 28) (Copper, Lead and Zinc) Order, 1947.

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 March 1947, entitled—

(1) the Cereal Breakfast Foods (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947, and

(2) the Oat Products (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947.

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:

Accounts of the National Health Insurance Fund (England), the Welsh National Health Insurance Fund and the Scottish National Health Insurance Fund, and of Funds under the control of the Joint Committee, for 1945, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee Selection of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: Mr. Harold Webbe; and had appointed in his substitution Mr. Loftedon.

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 passed a Bill, intituled, an Crown Act to amend the law relating to the civil liabilities and rights of the Crown and to civil proceedings by and against the Crown, to amend the law relating to the civil liabilities of persons other than the Crown in certain cases involving the affairs or property of the Crown, 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 Penicillin Bill (Lords), and certain other substances; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Provisions in Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Civic Restaurants Bill and in Committee on Fire Services [Money] be exempted, 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 [Mr. Simmons, Mr. Popplewell ];
Tellers for the [Major Conant, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp ];

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Service Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day six months.”—(Mr. Rhys Davies).

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The House according to Order proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Civic Restaurants Bill. And the same were read.
The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 1, l. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 1, l. 15, after (“that ”) insert—

(“(i) where the Minister of Food is satisfied that the council of any county in Scotland are unreasonably refusing to exercise their powers under this Act in any district of the county he may by order direct that the powers of the county council, so far as relating to that district, shall be exercisable by the district council instead of by the county council; and

(ii)”), 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. 3, l. 26, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 26, at end insert—

(“(6) Expenditure incurred by a district council under this Act shall not be taken into account in any calculation as to the limit imposed on the district council rate by section twenty-six of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1929.”), 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.

The Lords Amendment in p. 4, l. 13, leave out (“or town”) and insert (“town or dis-

special Entry : the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the special Entry object of the Amendment was to supply an omission in the Bill, 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved Fire Services itself into a Committee on Fire Services [Money].

(In the Committee).

Question again proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for fire services in Great Britain, to transfer fire-fighting functions from the National Fire Service to brigades maintained by local authorities, to provide for the combination of areas for fire service purposes, to make further provision for pensions and other awards in respect of persons employed in connection with the provision of fire services, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (in this Resolution referred to as "the Act "), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament:

A. Of any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred—

(i) in making grants to authorities in respect of expenditure in connection with the provision of fire services, of amounts not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of such expenditure;

(ii) in the provision of instruction in matters relating to fire services;

(iii) in the provision of equipment for purchase by fire authorities for the discharge of their functions under the Act;

(iv) in giving effect to provisions of the Act relating to pensions, allowances and gratuities in respect of service in fire brigades and other service which under the Act is to be reckoned as equivalent to such service, and in making payments to other authorities in respect of liabilities incurred by them for pension purposes, and in the payment of compensation in respect of loss of emoluments or pension;

(v) in defraying expenses of Advisory Councils constituted under the Act;

(vi) in paying remuneration to inspectors, assistant inspectors and other officers appointed under the Act, and of any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in giving effect to the Act.

B. Of any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Personal Injuries (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1946, the enactments relating to the superannuation of persons employed by local authorities, and the Fire Services (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1947, as an increase attributable to the provisions of the Act;

and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer for any receipts of the Secretary of State under the Act,

Amendment proposed, to leave out sub-

paragraph (iii):—(Mr. Grimston.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Main 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 do now adjourn.—(Mr. Colindridge.)

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. Frank Anderson Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Fire Services Bill.

[No. 80.]
Tuesday, 1st April, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Financial Instructions for Pension Committees and Sub-Committees.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute dated 31st March 1947, regarding the application of surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1946-47 to meet deficits on other Navy Votes for the same year.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 31st March 1947, regarding the application of surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year 1946-47 to meet deficits on other Army Votes for the same year.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 31st March 1947, regarding the application of surpluses on certain Air Votes for the year 1946-47 to meet deficits on other Air Votes for the same year.

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

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 5th day of March 1947 by the Governor of the Punjab under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935.

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 26th March 1947, entitled the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947,
(2) dated 27th March 1947, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) (Amendment No. 9) Order, 1947,
(3) dated 28th March 1947, entitled the Macaroni and Similar Products (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947,
(4) dated 28th March 1947, entitled the Flour Order, 1947,
(5) dated 28th March 1947, entitled the Raw Cocoa (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947,
(6) dated 28th March 1947, entitled the Butter (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947,
(7) dated 28th March 1947, entitled the Rice (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947,
(8) dated 28th March 1947, entitled the Animal Fats (Control and Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947, and
(9) dated 28th March 1947, entitled the Lard (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

Copies of Orders, dated 28th March 1947, Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food Rationing),—
(1) the Meat (Rationing) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Food Rationing (General Licence No. 4) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1947, Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Soap), entitled the Soap (Licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) (General Licence No. 3) Order, 1947.

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

The Crown Proceedings Bill [Lords], was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 15th day of this instant April, and to be printed.

The Penicillin Bill [Lords], was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 15th day of this instant April, and to be printed.

Mr. Viant reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 12th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th days of March last, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

The 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 Luton Corporation, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.
2. That the case of the Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock [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. 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 law relating to companies and unit trusts and to dealing in securities, and to bring the law of bankruptcy and the law relating to the registration of business names into conformity in certain respects with the law relating to companies as so amended; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.:—That it is desirable that the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings in Committee on National Service [Money] and the Proceedings on the Trafalgar Estates 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 Amendment which yesterday was proposed to be made to the Question, That the National Service Bill be now read a second time;
Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months;"
And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

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.—(Captain Snow.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 15th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confine the operation of the National Service Acts to male British subjects and to service in the armed forces of the Crown, to make provision as to the terms and conditions of such service and as to the period for which those Acts shall continue in operation; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred in consequence of the passing of that Act by the Minister of Labour and National Service, a Secretary of State or the Admiralty and of any increase consequential on the passing of that Act of the expenses payable under section nineteen of the Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act, 1944.—(Mr. Alexander.)

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, resolved the Trafalgar Estates Bill into a Committee on the Trafalgar Estates (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Termination of Nelson annuity). Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—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. Hannan, Yeas, Mr. Popplewell, ], 218.
Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Noes, Major Conant ], 67.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan, Yeas, Mr. Popplewell, ], 216.
Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Noes, Mr. Studholme ], 66.

Clause No. 2 (Provisions as to Trafalgar Estates). Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:

Wednesday 2nd April 1947:

Question put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Trafalgar Estates Bill, and directed him to report the same, pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).
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 Barnsley, a copy of which Order was presented on the 28th day of March last, 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 Northwich, a copy of which Order was presented on the 28th day of March last, 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 Ware, a copy of which Order was presented on the 28th day of March last, 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 Rural District of Whitby, a copy of which Order was presented on the 28th day of March last, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Church Commissioners 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.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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

Prayers.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, that their Address yesterday relative to Double Taxation Relief had been presented to His Royal Highness Vol. 202.
Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.—
(1) Hove Borough Council.
(2) Royal Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.
(3) West Bromwich Town Council.
(4) West Lancashire Rural District Council.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Estimates of the pooled revenue receipts and expenses and resultant net revenue of the Controlled Railway Undertakings for 1946.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stracey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1947, entitled the Meat Products and Canned Meat (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1947, entitled the National Insurance (Increase of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1947.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House an Account of the Civil Consequences Fund, 1945-46, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, and (2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; with a Copy of the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.-(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

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

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

Civic Restaurants Act, 1947.

Church Commissioners Measure, 1947.

Adjournment.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House approves the 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 1946.—[Mr. Arthur Henderson.]

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Treaties of Peace (Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for carrying into effect Treaties of Peace between His Majesty and certain other Powers, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of any Minister incurred in carrying out the Treaties specified in 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 Treaties of Peace (Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power of His Majesty to give effect to Peace Treaties).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5, to leave out subsections (3) to (5), and insert the words—"(3) No Order in Council shall be made under this Act unless, after copies of the draft thereof have been laid before Parliament, each House presents an Address to His Majesty praying that the Order may be made."—[Mr. Butler.]

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill Vol. 202, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval Forces Maintenance (Enforcement of Maintenance Liabilities) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Deductions from pay in respect of liabilities for maintenance, etc.). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "pay," to insert the words "and pensions."—[Major Bruce.]

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

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 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 thereto.

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

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

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

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message yesterday as communicates the Resolution, that it is desirable that the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration.—[Mr. Robert Taylor.]

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

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

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special Orders) proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mold Gas and Water Company, which was presented on the 12th day of March last and published, be approved.—[Mr. Gaitshill.]

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. [Mr. Robert Taylor.]

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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3rd-1 sth April.

1947.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to National

the directions of an Act of Parliament, Insurance.
Copies of Regulations, dated 28th March 1947,

entitled

[No. 82.]

(1) the National Insurance (Expenses of

Thursday, 3rd April, 1947.

Administration) Regulations, 1947, and

(2) the National Insurance (Pensions Ac-

The House met at Eleven of the clock.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon

PRAYERS.
Forth Road
Bridge Order

the Table.

THE Forth Road Bridge Order Confirmation The following Account, pursuant to the
Bill was, according to Order, read a second directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid
time, and ordered to be taken into consideration upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :
upon Tuesday the 15th day of this instant Accounts of the Coal Commission for the coal Mines.

Confirmation
Bill.

April.

year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with

No. 80.

the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor

A Bill to confer further powers upon the General thereon.

Luton
Corporation

Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough
of Luton with reference to the repairing

Bill.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

of private streets ; and for other purposes, A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment.
was presented, and read the first time ; and proposed, That this House do now adjourn
ordered to be read a second time.
Debts Clearing
Offices.

(Mr. Robert Taylor) ;

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

Copy of an Order, dated 31st March

1947,

Speaker adjourned the House without
a Question first put, till Tuesday the

1947,

to the Resolutions
yesterday.

entitled the Clearing Office (Spain) Amendment
Order, 1947.
Import Duties
(Additional.)

Copy of an Order, dated 1st April

entitled the Additional Import Duties (No.
Order, 1947.

Import Duties
(Substitution.)

Copy of an Order, dated 2nd April

And it being Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy

15th day of this instant April, pursuant
of the House

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entitled the Import Duties (Substitution) (No.
1) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon

the Table.
Fire Services
(Emergency
Provisions)
(National Fire

Service).
Police.

[No. 83.]

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to

the directions of several Acts of Parliament,
Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1947,
entitled the National Fire Service (Preservation
Copy of an Order, dated 31st March 1947,
entitled the Adaptation of Enactments (Police)
(Scarborough) Order, 1947.

Tuesday, 15th April, 1947.
The House met at half an hour
after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

fiRDERED, That Mr. Speaker do

issue Durham County

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon -- his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to rr
Writ:
Division)

the Table.
Air Force

(Auxiliary).

make out a new Writ for the electing of a
Member to serve in this present Parliament

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, pursuant for the County of Durham (Jarrow Division)
to the directions of an Act of Parliament, in the room of the Right Honourable Ellen
Copy of an Order, dated 31st March 1947, Ciceley Wilkinson, deceased.(Mr. Whiteley.)

further amending in certain respects the
Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order

dated 27th April

The House proceeded to take into con- Felixstowe

providing for the sideration the Felixstowe Urban District Coun- Urban
government, discipline, pay and allowances cil Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Council Bill.
1939,

of the Auxiliary Air Force.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon

the Table.
Local
Government

Boundary

Commission.

No. 82.

Supplies and

Services
(Transitional
Powers) (Fuel.)

Mr.

Bevan

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to Forth Road

presented,

take into consideration the Forth Road Bridge

pursuant to the Order Confirmation Bill.
directions of an' Act of Parliament,Copy
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time

of the First Annual Report of the Local

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Bill.

to-morrow.
Government Boundary Commission for 1946.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon Mr. Glenvil Hall presented,Return to an civil
the Table ; and be printed.
Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant April, Contingencies
Fund.
for a Return relative to the Civil Contingencies
No. 83.
Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the Fund.
directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy Ordered, That the said Return be printed.
of an Order, dated 1st April 1947, entitled the
Control of Fuel (Dog Racecourse) (Revocation) The following Papers, presented by His Parliamentary
Order, 1947.
Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, PacArorusrament.)
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon and delivered to the Librarian of the House
the Table,
during the Adjournment, pursuant to the


Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table;—

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Committee on the Regent's Park Terraces. 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 1st April 1947, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) Regulations, 1947.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, and Companies (Winding-up) Proceedings during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947. Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 20th March 1947, entitled the Utility Articles (Maximum Prices and Control). Charges (No. 4) Order, 1947.

(2) dated 1st April 1947, entitled the Alarm Clocks (Imported) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

(3) dated 1st April 1947, entitled the Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

(4) dated 1st April 1947, entitled the Wool Yarn and Wool Cloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1947, and

(5) dated 2nd April 1947, entitled the Narrow Fabrics (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

Austria.

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 8th and the 15th day of February 1947.


Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 20th day of March 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Denmark, concerning the Reciprocal Abolition of Visas.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 21st day of March 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Netherlands, regarding the Reciprocal Abolition of Visas.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 20th day of March 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Sweden, regarding the Reciprocal Abolition of Visas.

Copy of a Report to the Minister of Labour and National Service by the Delegates of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Twenty-eighth (Maritime) Session of the International Labour Conference, held at Seattle between the 6th and the 29th day of June 1946.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Committee on the Regent's Park Terraces. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Church Estates Commission, to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of the Ninetieth Report of the Church Estates Commissioners (for the year preceding the 1st day of March 1947).


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

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

Copy of Rules, dated 2nd April 1947, entitled the Prison (Scotland) Rules, 1947.

Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 52 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow, Chair of Child Health—Amendment of University Court Ordinance No. 124 (No. 34 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Chair of Child Health)

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 2nd April 1947, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Coast Protection) Order, 1947.

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

National Income and Expenditure.

Egypt

(No. 1, 1947.)

Supply and Services (Transitional Powers) (Finance.)

National Debt.

Naval Forces, (Miscellaneous, No. 3, 1947.)

International Conference, Treaty Series, (No. 27, 1947.)

Treaty Series, (No. 26, 1947.)

Treaty Series, (No. 25, 1947.)

Treaty Series, (No. 24, 1947.)

Naval Forces, (Miscellaneous, No. 2, 1947.)

Naval Forces, (Miscellaneous, No. 1, 1947.)

Treaty Series, (No. 23, 1947.)

Treaty Series, (No. 22, 1947.)

Treaty Series, (No. 21, 1947.)

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Treaty Series, (No. 1, 1915.)

Treaty Series, (No. 1, 1914.)
Orders.

Post Office Shipping.

(Money Orders).

Food and Drugs.

Powers)

(Money Powers)

Taxes). (Transitional Services Supplies and

Powers)

Desks). (Transitional Services Supplies and

Powers)

Supervision.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd April 1947, entitled the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, &c.,) Regulations, 1947.


Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st April 1947, entitled the West Somerset Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders,—

(1) dated 31st March 1947, entitled the Canned Puddings (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947,

(2) dated 31st March 1947, entitled the Coffee (Maximum Retail Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947,

(3) dated 31st March 1947, entitled the Poultry (Control and Maximum Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947,

(4) dated 10th April 1947, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947, and


Copy of an Order, entitled the Rationing (Personal Points) (General Licence) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Burke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Warrant, dated 3rd April 1947, entitled the Money Order Warrant, 1947.

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

Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant to amend the Royal Warrant of the 29th day of October 1946, 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, 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 Whitehaven Compulsory Purse Purchase Confirmation Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Report 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 Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.

Account of the War Risks (Commodities) Insurance Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the War Risks (Marine) Insurance Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as a Statement laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Mr. Glenvil Hall accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

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

(In the Committee.)

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

1. Resolved, That, as from six o’clock in the evening on the fifteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven—

(a) the rate of any rebate allowed under section two of the Finance Act, 1928, on the delivery for home consumption of—

(i) any oils which contain in solution an amount of hard asphalt of not less than one half of one per cent.; or
(ii) any oils of which not more than fifty per cent, by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding 240 degrees centigrade, and of which more than fifty per cent, by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding 340 degrees centigrade, shall be charged on tobacco so imported of the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so grown of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table duties of excise at the rates respectively specified in the second column of the Table.

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.)

Tobacco (Customs).

2. Resolved, That, as from the sixteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, in lieu of the full and preferential duties of customs theretofore chargeable on tobacco imported into the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so imported of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table—

(a) in the case of tobacco not being an Empire product, duties of customs at the rates respectively specified in the second column of that Table; and

(b) in the case of tobacco being an Empire product, duties of customs at the rates respectively specified in the third column of that Table.

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.)

Tobacco (Drawback).

4. Resolved, That, as respects tobacco on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the increased rates for which provision is made by any Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means together with this Resolution, drawback shall be allowed at the rates set out in the following Table instead of at the rates set out in Part III of the Fourth Schedule to the Finance Act, 1943.

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.)

Artificial Silk (Customs and Excise).

5. Resolved, That, as from the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-seven—

(a) the duties of excise on artificial silk singles yarn or straw and on a licence to be taken out annually by a manufacturer of artificial silk yarn shall cease to be chargeable; and

(b) the rates of duties of customs chargeable under section four of the Finance Act, 1925, in respect of artificial silk yarn and tissues shall be reduced by sixpence and shall be as follows, that is to say—

Artificial silk yarn—

-- the lb. - 9d.

Artificial silk tissues—

-- the lb. - 11d.

and the Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1934, shall have effect subject to the following amendments of Part II of the First Schedule to that Order (which sets out the rates of duties of customs on certain articles made wholly or partly of artificial silk), that is to say:

in the second column—

(i) for the words “An amount equal to 43\frac{3}{4} per cent. of the value of the article or an amount calculated at the rate of 5\frac{1}{2} the pound on the weight of the article, whichever is the greater” there shall be substituted the words “An amount equal to 42 per cent. of the value of the article or an amount calculated at the rate of 4\frac{3}{4} per cent. of the value of the article and, where no component is silk, an amount equal to 43\frac{3}{4} per cent. of the value of the article”;

and section nine of the Finance Act, 1933, shall have effect as if the preceding provisions of this paragraph of this Resolution were contained in an order made under that section:

Provided that nothing in this Resolution shall affect any drawback of duty allowable in respect of artificial silk or any article made wholly or in part of artificial silk where the duty became chargeable on the artificial silk whether before or after the passing of this Resolution and before the said first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

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.)

Allowance for Artificial Silk used in Tyres (Customs).

6. Resolved, That no allowance shall be paid under section eleven of the Finance Act, 1946, in respect of any artificial silk on which a duty of customs has been paid contained in yarn or tissue used in the manufacture of tyres if that duty becomes chargeable on or after the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

PURCHASE TAX.

Purchase Tax (Intermediate and Higher Rates).

7. Resolved, That—

(a) as from the sixteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, purchase tax shall be charged in respect of goods of the classes specified in the following Table—

(b) (i) where they are goods of the classes specified in the Seventh Schedule to the Finance Act, 1942, at an intermediate rate equal to two-thirds of the value of the goods; and (ii) where they are goods of the classes specified in the said Seventh Schedule, at the higher rate; and

(b) the Treasury shall have power under section twenty of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, subject to approval by this House, by order to render chargeable at the intermediate rate goods not previously chargeable or chargeable at any other rate and to render goods previously chargeable at the intermediate rate chargeable at any other rate or not chargeable and the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall have effect subject to any order under that section.

Table.

Domestic appliances and domestic apparatus, being appliances and apparatus of a kind suitable for operation from electric or gas mains, but not including—

lighting and wireless appliances and apparatus;

gramophones and player pianos;

clocks and parts of clocks;

warming pads and blankets;

infra-red and ultra-violet ray lamps and radiant heat lamps.

Lawn mowers of a kind suitable for operation from electric mains.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Purchase Tax (Exemptions and Reductions of Rates).

8. Resolved, That, as from the sixteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, 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 class specified in Part I of the following Table; 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.

Table.

Part I.

Class of goods becoming exempt.

Domestic water filters designed to remove bacteria and other suspended impurities from drinking water by mechanical means, but not including filters also employing chemical reaction.

Part II.

Classes of goods becoming chargeable at reduced rate.

Floor coverings, including linoleum, but not including carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats, matting and wooden floor coverings.

Chambers not supplied as part of a toilet service, and chair pans and commode pans and lids for such chambers and pans as aforesaid.

Hot water bottles of a kind designed for use as bed warmers or foot warmers.

Requisites for cricket of the following descriptions—balls, bats, stumps and balls and wicket keepers’ and batsmen’s pads and gloves.
Footbails, and parts of footballs, and footballers' shin guards.

Requisites for hockey, but not for ice hockey, of the following descriptions—sticks, balls and shin guards.

Boxing gloves.

Rowing boats specially designed as racing boats.

Part III.

Classes of goods becoming chargeable at basic rate.

Razor strops and razor sharpeners, but not including strops and sharpeners supplied as part of a toilet set.

Dental sticks and toothpicks.

Classes of goods becoming chargeable at basic rate.

(a) income tax for the year 1947-48 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 such higher rates in respect of the excess over two thousand pounds as Parliament may hereafter determine;

(b) subject to the provisions of any Act of the present Session relating to transport or electricity, all such enactments as had 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 1947-48.

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.

Charge of Tax.

9. Resolved, That—

(a) income tax for the year 1947-48 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 such higher rates in respect of the excess over two thousand pounds as Parliament may hereafter determine;

(b) subject to the provisions of any Act of the present Session relating to transport or electricity, all such enactments as had 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 1947-48.

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.)

Personal Reliefs.

10. Resolved, That—

(a) subsection (1) of section fifteen of the Finance Act, 1925 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides for a deduction of tax on an amount equal to one eighth of the amount of earned income, but not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds) and sub-section (2) of the said section fifteen (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides, in a case where an individual or his wife has attained the age of sixty-five years and his total income does not exceed five hundred pounds, for a deduction of tax on an amount equal to one eighth of his income) shall have effect as if the words “one-sixth” were substituted for the words “one-eighth” and the words “two hundred and fifty pounds” were substituted for the words “one hundred and fifty pounds”;

(b) section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1920 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides, amongst other things, that the deduction of tax allowable in the case of married persons shall in certain cases be increased by an amount not exceeding seven eighths of the earned income of the claimant’s wife) shall have effect as if the words “seven-eighths” were substituted for the words “seven-eighths”;

(c) section twenty-one of the Finance Act, 1920 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides for a deduction of tax on fifty pounds in respect of each child with an income of fifty pounds or less) shall have effect as if the words “sixty pounds” were substituted for the words “fifty pounds” in subsections (1) and (3) thereof; and

(d) subsection (1) of section sixteen of the Finance Act, 1943 (which provides, amongst other things, that the deduction of tax allowable in certain cases in respect of a relative of the claimant or of his or her wife or husband who is maintained by the claimant is limited to cases where the total income of the person maintained does not exceed eighty pounds a year and that the allowance is reduced if the total income of that person exceeds thirty pounds a year) shall have effect as if the words “one hundred and twenty pounds” were substituted for the words “eighty pounds” and the words “seventy pounds” were substituted for the words “thirty pounds”.

Provided that the additional relief afforded by this Resolution for the year 1947-48 shall not affect the amount of tax deductible or repayable before the seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

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.

(Financial Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.)

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Farm animals.

11. Resolved, That, save in so far as may be otherwise provided by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance, animals and other living creatures kept for the purposes of farming or for the purposes of any trade whatsoever shall be treated for income tax purposes as trading stock or, in so far as an option conferred by the said Act to have them treated on an alternative basis has been duly exercised as respects them, on that alternative basis; and that where such an option is availed of or is or has been or may become available, the other consequences shall ensue for income tax purposes to all persons then or thereafter concerned as may be provided by the said Act.

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Double Taxation Relief.

12. Resolved, That the extent and incidence of income tax, for the year 1946-47 and subsequent years of assessment, shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments of the law relating to the effects of provisions in arrangements with the governments of territories outside the United Kingdom for the crediting, against United Kingdom tax, of tax payable under the laws of those territories.

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Transfers of assets under Coal Industry Nationalisation Act.

13. Resolved, That, as respects past, present and future years of assessment, the law applicable to the income tax of the National Coal Board and the other persons concerned shall be amended in relation to cases where,
whether before or after the passing of this Resolution, assets vest in that Board by virtue of any of the provisions of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Exceptional Depreciation Allowances.

14. Resolved, That any exceptional depreciation allowance in respect of a building or structure for the year of assessment in which the appointed day (within the meaning of the Income Tax Act, 1945) falls shall, for the purposes of section four of that Act, be written off as at the end of the immediately preceding year of assessment, and this Resolution shall apply to all years of assessment, including the year 1946–47.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Benefits procured for directors and employees.

15. Resolved, That it is expedient to impose liability to income tax where benefits (including benefits which are to be enjoyed only on the happening of particular contingencies) are or are to be procured or provided by bodies for persons who, as directors or otherwise, are taking part or are to take part or have taken part in the management of their affairs, or by employers of any kind for persons who are or are to be or have been their employees.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

PROFITS TAX AND EXCESS PROFITS TAX.

Profits Tax.

16. Resolved, That the extent and incidence of the profits tax (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) be varied so as to give effect to amendments as to the rate of the tax, the scope of the tax, the computation of profits and losses for the purposes of the tax, the relief to be given for double taxation and the other conditions subject to which the tax is charged.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Excess Profits Tax.

17. Resolved, That the extent and incidence of excess profits tax (for all chargeable accounting periods) be varied so as to give effect to amendments as to the meaning of the expression “remuneration” in reference to directors and to provisions operating where there has been a direction under section twenty-four of the Finance Act, 1943.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

LEGACY- AND SUCCESSION DUTIES.

Charge of Additional Duty.

18. Resolved, That there shall be charged on legacies derived from a testator or intestate dying on or after the sixteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and successions arising on or after that day, on which legacy or succession duty is payable or has before that day been paid under the enactments now in force, a further legacy or succession duty at a rate equal to the rate or aggregate rate of the duty thereon under those enactments; and this Resolution shall apply also to other legacies and successions so as to authorise charging the further legacy or succession duty thereon on deaths and other events happening on or after the said sixteenth day of April.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

STAMPS.

Conveyances, Transfers and Leases.

19. Resolved, That the stamp duties charged under or by reference to the headings “Conveyance or Transfer, whether on sale or otherwise,” “Conveyance or Transfer on sale of any property” and “Lease or Tack” in the First Schedule to the Stamp Act, 1891, shall be double those now chargeable, but this Resolution

(a) shall not affect the operation of any enactment limiting an ad valorem duty to ten shillings in certain cases;

(b) shall not apply to the duty chargeable on any conveyance or transfer on sale, other than of any stocks (including units under a unit trust scheme) or marketable securities, or to the duty chargeable in respect of any consideration other than at rent for a lease at a rent not exceeding twenty pounds a year where the conveyance or transfer or the lease is not a transaction, and does not form part of a larger transaction, or of a series of transactions, in respect of which the amount or value or the aggregate amount or value of the consideration exceeds fifteen hundred pounds; and

(c) shall not apply to the duty chargeable on a lease (other than a lease operating as a voluntary disposition inter vivos) for an indefinite term or a term not exceeding thirty-five years where the sole consideration is a rent not exceeding one hundred pounds a year.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Stocks, Marketable Securities and Letters of Allotment, &c.

20. Resolved, That—

(a) the stamp duties charged on marketable securities, share warrants and stock certificates to bearer, and on other instruments to bearer, shall be double those now chargeable;

(b) the stamp duties charged under section one hundred and fourteen of the Stamp Act, 1891, as amended by subsequent enactments, and under section thirty-seven of the Finance Act, 1939, by way of composition for the stamp duty chargeable on transfers of certain stocks and the stamp duty charged under section one hundred and fifteen of the Finance Act, 1939, as amended by subsequent enactments, by way of composition in respect of the transfer of certain stocks (including units under unit trust schemes) and otherwise shall be double those now chargeable;

(c) the stamp duties charged on contract notes in respect of stocks (including units under unit trust schemes) and marketable securities shall be double those now chargeable; and

(d) the stamp duties charged on letters of allotment, letters of renunciation and other documents having the effect of a letter of allotment, and on scrip certificates (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) and other documents having the effect of a letter of allotment, shall be double those now chargeable.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
21. Resolved, That—
(a) the stamp duty charged on loan capital under section eight of the Finance Act, 1890, shall be double that now chargeable;
(b) the stamp duties charged under or by reference to the headings "Bond, Covenant or Instrument" and "Mortgage, Bond, Debenture, Covenant and Warrant of Attorney" in the first Schedule to the Stamp Act, 1891, shall be double those now chargeable; and
(c) the reference in the heading "Bond given pursuant to the directions of any Act", &c., in the said Schedule to duties of excise or customs shall include a reference to purchase tax.
—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Bonuses Issues of Securities.
22. Resolved, That where on or after the sixteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, a company issues any shares or other securities or increases the rights or reduces the liabilities attached to any shares or other securities and does so by way of bonus to members or debenture holders of itself or of another company, a statement shall be made of the value of the bonus, and that statement shall be charged with an add valorem stamp duty of ten pounds for every hundred pounds or part of a hundred pounds of the value of the bonus, and any Act of the present Session relating to Finance may contain provision—
(a) for determining how far any matter is to be treated as being by way of bonus to any persons, and in particular for so treating an issue if the offer is limited to those persons or in connection with the issue those persons receive preferential treatment; and
(b) for determining the value of the bonus.
—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Miscellaneous.
Essential Commodities Reserves Fund.
23. Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred and seventy-three thousand and forty-one pounds fourteen shillings and sixpence be paid out of the Essential Commodities Reserves Fund into the Exchequer.—(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—(Mr. Joseph Henderson), 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Regulation of Payments (General) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 343), dated 26th February 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 3rd day of March last, be annulled—(Sir John Mellor)—It passed in the Negative.

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

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

[No. 84.]
Wednesday, 16th April, 1947.

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

Prayers.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. he had received a letter from the leader of the Delegation of the Supreme Soviet of Republics, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which he read to the House, as followeth:

Dear Mr. Speaker of the House of Commons,

On leaving the borders of your country, the Delegation of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics expresses to you, and in your person to the whole of the House of Commons, its sincere thanks for the most cordial welcome given to our Delegation. We are returning to our homeland convinced that the strengthening of friendly relations between Great Britain and the U.S.S.R. is the common aim of our peoples and will contribute to the establishment of a universal, stable and lasting peace.

Allow me to transmit through you to the people of Great Britain my best wishes for its success in its economic and cultural progress.

(Signed) V. KUZNETSOV.

A Bill to regulate the expenditure on capital London account and lending of money by the London County Council during the financial period 1947-1948 (Money) Bill, from the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven to the thirtieth day of September one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time.

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

The Forth Road Bridge Order Confirmation Forth Road Bridge 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.
Standing Orders
(Private Business).

Ordered, That the several Amendments to the Standing Orders relative to Private Business hereinafter stated in the Schedule be made:—

SCHEDULE.

Standing Order 39, page 116, line 6, after "House of Commons," insert "the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries."

Standing Order 39, page 116, leave out lines 22 to 28.

Standing Order 39, page 117, leave out from the beginning of line 34 to the end of line 8, in page 118.

Standing Order 211, page 200, line 19, at end insert,— except as provided by Standing Order 228A.—

After Standing Order 228, insert new Standing Order 228A (Application of S.Os. 169, 191 and 218):—

1. The following Standing Orders shall apply to Bills to confirm Provisional Orders issued under the Procedure Act in like manner as to Private Bills, that is to say:—

Standing Orders 169 (Attachment of financial memorandum to certain Bills) and 191 (Tolls and charges not in the nature of a tax).

2. Standing Order 218 (Order of Proceedings in House on Confirming Bills) shall apply to Bills to confirm Provisional Orders issued under the Procedure Act.

—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of an Agreement establishing the South Pacific Commission (with Resolution concerning Immediate Projects) signed at Canberra on the 6th day of February 1947 (This Agreement has not been accepted by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of a Supplementary Protocol, signed at London on the 3rd day of March 1947, regarding the entry into force of the Whaling Protocol of the 26th day of November 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Summary Report on Education in Scotland for 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 a Statute made by the University of Oxford on the 10th day of December 1946, amending the Statutes of the University.

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 a Scheme, dated 3rd April 1947, entitled the Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Scheme, 1947.

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 11th April 1947 entitled the Food Standards (Mustard) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Complaint being made by Mr. Hogg, Member Privileges, for the Borough of Oxford, of the publication in the World's Press News newspaper of the 3rd day of April 1947 of an article purporting to be written by Mr. Gavry Allighan, Member for the County of Kent (Gravesend Division), containing passages reflecting on the conduct of Members of this House, which, he submitted, constituted a breach of the Privileges of this House:—The said newspaper was delivered in and the passages complained of were read, as follows:—

Every newspaper in the Street has anything up to half a dozen M.P.s on its “contacts” list. They always have had—what’s the Contacts file for, otherwise?

Some of the “contacts” are on a retainer, some get paid for what they produce, some are content to accept “payment in kind”—personal publicity. I, as news editor of the Daily Mirror, used to OK payments to several regular M.P.s, contacts, both for stories, “info” and tip-offs. At least two of them were prominent Labour M.P.s—one is a Cabinet Minister of such prominence as to be in the first four of potential Premiers.

That is one way any enterprising newspaper gets what the Party calls “leaks.” Another way more accurately justifies that description. M.P.s’ “leak” around the bar. Being no less human than subs., some M.P.s “knock ‘em back” at the bar and, being less absorbive than reporters, become lubricated into loquacity.

No worthwhile reporter could fail to get the stuff. If he knew no other way, and had no other contacts, all he would have to do would be to spend his time, and the paper’s money, at the bar, and if he did not pick up enough bits and pieces from M.P.s in search of refreshment to make a first-rate “inside” story, he ought to be fired. Herbert Morrison is not half the Party “boss” he’s accused of being—if he were he’d put the bar out of bounds to Labour M.P.s., some of whom have succeeded in approaching the fringe of semi-sobriety.

Enterprising reporters who have the House for their “beat” do not spend much time in the Press Club—they eat and drink on the job. That is where and how the “leaks” are picked up. Any news editor would tell you, Willy Nilly that. So could the cashier of any newspaper—the “swindle sheets” of Parliamentary reporters contain almost as many “to entertaining M.P.s.” as any dance-band leader’s “to entertaining B.B.C. producers.”

Some of the Evening Standard stories have been verbatim reports and, having been present at the meetings, I would go further and say that they were very accurate verbatim reports. Who could have taken the speeches down? I reply: any one of the score or more M.P.s. who can be seen at every Party meeting making voluminous notes. On one occasion—here I “leak”—the chairman had to appeal to them to restrain their note-taking energy.

Not that the Standard gets all the scoops. Both the Star, and the Evening News run a good “leak service.” One of the best leaks in the Star beat was a report of what Haydn Davies had said at a Party meeting—and how well he had said it. Despite his past associations with the Star, nothing would
Adjournment.

Ways and Means.

Finance Bill (Procedure).

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

Amendment of Law.

Resolved, That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to matters which may be included in Finance Bills, provision may be made in any Finance Bill introduced in the present Session for giving effect to any Resolution which may be passed by a Committee of the whole House and agreed to by the House authorising the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums to the Post Office Savings Bank Fund and the Fund for the Banks for Savings of expenses (including the remuneration of members and officers) of the Inspection Committee established under section two of the Savings Banks Act, 1891, and of expenses incurred by the National Debt Commissioners, and providing for the repeal of subsection (2) of section four of that Act.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 85.]

Thursday, 17th April, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Governors of Pensions Statements of Pensions, &c., granted under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1936, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the National Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations, dated 14th April 1947, entitled the National Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations, 1947. 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 Unemployment Insurance: Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of March 1947, 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.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Glanville; and had appointed in substitution Captain Hewitson.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Havant and Waterloo to acquire certain foreshore and other lands on Hayling Island; to recover improvement rates from the owners of lands benefited by sea defence works; to make provision with respect to the development of certain lands on Hayling Island; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Bill [Lords], Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

Amendment of Law.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—[Governors of Pensions Statements of Pensions, &c., granted under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1936, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the National Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations, dated 14th April 1947, entitled the National Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations, 1947. 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 Unemployment Insurance: Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of March 1947, 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.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Glanville; and had appointed in substitution Captain Hewitson.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Havant and Waterloo to acquire certain foreshore and other lands on Hayling Island; to recover improvement rates from the owners of lands benefited by sea defence works; to make provision with respect to the development of certain lands on Hayling Island; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Bill [Lords], Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

Amendment of Law.

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.

Resolved, that the 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 (Savings Banks), 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 relating to Finance, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund—

(a) of such sums, into the Post Office Savings Bank Fund and the Fund for the Banks for Savings, as may be provided for by the said Act;

(b) of such expenses (including the remuneration of members and officers) of the Inspection Committee established under section two of the Savings Banks Act, 1891, and such expenses of the National Debt Commissioners, as may be so provided for, and to repeal subsection (2) of section four of the Savings Banks Act, 1891 (which requires expenses of the said Inspection Committee to be levied from trustee savings banks in certain cases).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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 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. 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 (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 relating to Finance, it is expedient to authorise such payments out of the Consolidated Fund, such borrowings under the National Loans Act, 1939, and such releases of debts due to the Crown as are required by any of the following provisions of the said Act of the present Session, that is to say—

(a) a provision that the permanent annual charge for the National Debt for the current financial year shall be five hundred and twenty-five million pounds and that the sums required in 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, may be raised by such borrowings as aforesaid;

(b) a provision extending section twenty-six of the Finance Act, 1946 (which relates to the repayment of post-war income tax credits to elderly persons) to credits for the years 1944-45 and 1945-46; and

(c) a provision relaxing, in certain cases where assets of a trade or business are compulsorily acquired so that the trade or business or a part thereof can no longer be carried on by the persons carrying it on before the acquisition, the requirements of Part IV of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1945, as to the giving and carrying out of undertakings in connection with the making of post-war refunds of excess profits tax.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Captain Snow reported from the Committee on Fire Services [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for fire services in Great Britain, to transfer fire-fighting functions from the National Fire Service to brigades maintained by local authorities, to provide for the combination of areas for fire service purposes, to make further provision for pensions and other awards in respect of persons employed in connection with the provision of fire services, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (in this Resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament:

A. Of any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred—

(i) in making grants to authorities in respect of expenditure in connection with the provision of fire services, of amounts not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of such expenditure;

(ii) in the provision of instruction in matters relating to fire services;

(iii) in the provision of equipment for purchase by fire authorities for the discharge of their functions under the Act;
(iv) in giving effect to provisions of the Act relating to pensions, allowances and gratuities in respect of service in fire brigades and other service which under the Act is to be reckoned as equivalent to such service, and in making payments to other authorities in respect of liabilities incurred by them for pension purposes, and in the payment of compensation in respect of loss of emoluments or pension;
(v) in defraying expenses of Advisory Councils constituted under the Act;
(vi) in paying remuneration to inspectors, assistant inspectors and other officers appointed under the Act, and of any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in giving effect to the Act.

B. Of any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Personal Injuries (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1946, the enactments relating to the superannuation of persons employed by local authorities, and the Fire Services (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1941, being an increase attributable to the provisions of the Act; and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any receipts of the Secretary of State under the Act.

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—(Captain Snow) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-four minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Adjournment.

Friday, 18th April, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Felixstowe Urban District Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract Account of Receipts of, and Payments by, the Treasury Solicitor in 1946, in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown, and Alphabetical List of Intestates' Estates in respect of which Letters of Administration were granted to the Treasury Solicitor as Crown's Nominee, 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.

Copy of an Order, dated 16th April 1947, entitled the Silk Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1947.

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 Borough of Chipping Norton,
(2) the Borough of Glossop,
(3) the Borough of Maldon, and
(4) the County Borough of Rotherham.

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 a Report of the Cotton Board on the discharge of its functions during 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th April 1947, entitled the General Hollow-Ware (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 14th April, 1947 entitled the Hemp Yarn (Removal of Control) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Government Schemes made by the undermentioned Local Authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937—

(1) Ashton-under-Lyne Town Council.
(2) Ramsbottom Urban District Council.
(3) West Suffolk County Council.

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


Copy of Regulations, dated 12th April 1947, Road Traffic entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Compensation for injury to business)—(Mr. Lyttelton); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.
Adjournment.

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. Studholm. 72.
Yeas, Major Conant.

Tellers for the Mr. Hannah, 210.
Noes, Mr. Daines.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provisions as to transfer and compensation of employees)—[Mr. Lyttelton] 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 Major Conant, 72.
Yeas, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp.

Tellers for the Mr. Hannah, 217.
Noes, Mr. Daines.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 34, by leaving out from the word "pounds," to the word "or;", in l. 36—[Mr. Walter Fletcher].

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.

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 Major Conant, 72.
Yeas, Mr. Collindridge.

Tellers for the Commander Agnew, 179.
Noes, Mr. Studholm.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

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

Mr. Glanvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of the Guarantee given under subsection (3) of Section 1 of the Austrian Loan Guarantee Act, 1933, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.

List of the Pensions granted during the Civil List year ended the 31st day of March 1947 and Pensions payable under the provisions of subsection (1) of Section 15 of the Civil List Act, 1937.

Copy of a Draft Rule to amend the Rules, Pensions (Superannuation), under subsection (1) of Section 7 of the Superannuation Act, 1969.

Copy of an Order, dated 16th April 1947, entitled the Regulation of Payments (Italy, Republic of San Marino and Vatican City) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Bagdad, between the 10th and the 22nd day of February 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Iraq concerning the Prolongation of Existing Arrangements regarding Iraqi Foreign Exchange Requirements.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Hale and Mr. Oldfield; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bing and Mr. Lyne.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Fire Services Bill): Mr. Bower and Mr. Walker-Smith; and had appointed in substitution Captain Crowder and Colonel Wheatley.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Industrial Organisation Bill): Mr. Osborne; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Erroll.
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, Mr. Michael Stewart : 190.
Tellers for the Mr. Drew, Noes, Mr. Steudholme : 80.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the National Health Service (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 to Clause No. 5, p. 4, l. 5, Clause Nos. 22, p. 22, l. 4 and l. 14, Clause No. 29, p. 24, l. 7, Clause No. 64, p. 52, l. 25, and Clause No. 79, p. 59, l. 49, of the New Clauses (Powers of local health authorities regarding research) and (Power of local health authority to contribute to expenditure on co-ordination of services) and of the Amendments to the Eleventh Schedule, p. 78, l. 16, p. 80, l. 31, and p. 83, l. 3, 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 said Committee.

Clauses Nos. 5, 22, 29, 64 and 79 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Powers of local health authorities regarding research)—(Mr Secretary Westwood)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Power of local health authority to contribute to expenditure on co-ordination of services)—(Mr. Secretary Westwood)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Eleventh 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 two Clauses to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the Standing 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. 4, l. 8, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that no accommodation shall be so set aside unless there will remain available, as part of the hospital and specialist services, for other patients at least as much accommodation as was immediately before the appointed day available free of charge or at hospitals vested in local authorities, being accommodation which became part of the hospital and specialist services on that day."—(Mr. Secretary Westwood).

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And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added to the proposed Amendment—

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Mr. Drew, Yeas, Mr. Steudholme : 81.
Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes, Mr. Hannan : 222.

So it passed in the Negative.

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. 7, l. 34, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that the liabilities referred to by this subsection shall be such as are reasonably connected with the individual property or properties being taken over."—(Mr. Elliot.)

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. 34, by leaving out from the word " approve," to the word " any," in l. 36.—(Commander Galbraith.)

And the Question being proposed, 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, Mr. Hannan : 214.
Tellers for the Mr. Drew, Noes, Mr. Major Conant : 76.

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. 13, l. 17, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that any scheme so modified shall be laid before Parliament."—(Mr. Elliot.)

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 Commander Agnew, Yeas, Mr. Major Conant : 70.
Tellers for the Mr. Collindridge, Noes, Mr. Hannan : 235.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 27, by inserting, after the word " may," the words " after holding an inquiry."—(Mr. Elliot.)
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. 28, l. 76, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(b) for requiring the Scottish Medical Practices Committee to survey each area or part of an area and to report on the number of medical practitioners necessary to provide an adequate service."

—(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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 33, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that if premises previously used by a medical practitioner are sold at a public auction by that medical practitioner or by his personal representative such sale shall not be deemed to be a sale of the goodwill or part of the goodwill of the practice of that practitioner."

—(Mr. Thornton-Kentsley.)

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,] 70.
Yeas, [Major Ramsay:] 226.
Tellers for the [Captain Snow,] 143.
Noes, [Mr. Daines:] 54.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 33, l. 12, by leaving out from the word "until," to the word "and," in l. 14, and inserting the words "the medical practitioner concerned has reached the age of sixty-five years, has retired or has died, which ever first occurs"—(Commander Galbraith),—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 another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 39, l. 46, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that any order made by the Secretary of State dispensing with any of the requirements of regulations made under this Part of this Act shall be laid before Parliament."

—(Mr. Elliot.)

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. Simmons,] 143.
Yeas, [Mr. Hannan:] 54.
Tellers for the [Major Ramsay,] 143.
Noes, [Thorp:] 54.

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.

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 55, l. 42, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(3) No order shall be made by the Secretary of State under subsections (6) or (8) of Section eight of this Act unless a draft of the proposed order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament."—(Commander Galbraith.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

A Motion was 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 it would welcome an adequate and comprehensive health service for Scotland, declines to give a Third Reading to a Bill which centralises control of institutions in the hands of the Secretary of State and deprives local authorities and voluntary bodies of the powers of administration which they have hitherto exercised to the great advantage of the people of Scotland, which takes and retains for the Secretary of State the power of diverting trust funds and benefactions in despite of the declared wishes of donors and subscribers, and which gravely threatens the future of the practice of medicine in the widest sense and the research upon which its progress depends"—(Mr. Elliot),—instead thereof;

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday 22nd April 1947:

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons,] 143.
Yeas, [Mr. Hannan:] 54.
Tellers for the [Major Ramsay,] 143.
Noes, [Thorp:] 54.

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.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
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 thereto, no Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, are applicable thereto, viz.:—

Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council 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 additional Provision in the following Bills, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

London and North Eastern Railway Bill. London County Council (General Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

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

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 Brocon,
(2) the County Borough of Sunderland,
(3) the County Borough of Wolverhampton, and
(4) the City of Worcester.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Text of the Tanganyika Trusteeship Agreement, as approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations at New York on the 13th day of December 1946.

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

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Committee be printed.

No. 85.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be excused, 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. Simmons; Mr. Hannan: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant: 311.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.


Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 15th day of this instant April, several Resolutions which were read, as follow:

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

Hydrocarbon Oils (Customs).

1. That, as from six o'clock in the evening of the fifteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven—

(a) the rate of any rebate allowed under section two of the Finance Act, 1928, on the delivery for home consumption of—

(i) any oils which contain in solution an amount of hard asphalt of not less than one half of one per cent.; or

(ii) any oils of which not more than fifty per cent. by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding 240 degrees centigrade, and of which more than fifty per cent. by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding 240 degrees centigrade, shall be increased from eightpence per gallon to ninepence per gallon; and

(b) the duty chargeable by virtue of subsection (2) of section eight of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1945, on oils used in a refinery for generating heat, light or power, or for producing gas, shall cease to be chargeable.

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.

Tobacco (Customs).

2. That, as from the sixteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, in lieu of the full and preferential duties of customs theretofore chargeable on tobacco imported into the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so imported of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table—

(a) in the case of tobacco not being an Empire product, duties of customs at the rates respectively specified in the second column of that Table; and

(b) in the case of tobacco being an Empire product, duties of customs at the rates respectively specified in the third column of that Table.

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| Tobacco unmanufactured—
  containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—
  unstripped | 2 14 10 | 2 13 34 |
  stripped | 2 14 104 | 2 13 34 |
  containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—
  unstripped | 2 15 10 | 2 14 34 |
  stripped | 2 15 104 | 2 14 34 |
| Tobacco manufactured, viz.—
  Cigars
  containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof | 2 17 4 | 2 15 44 |
  Cigarettes
  containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof | 2 17 7 | 2 15 77 |
  Snuff
  containing not more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof | 2 16 10 | 2 14 114 |
  and so in proportion for any less quantity |

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.

Tobacco (Excise).

3. That, as from the sixteenth day of April, Tobacco nineteen hundred and forty-seven, in lieu of the duties of excise theretofore chargeable on tobacco grown in the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on tobacco so grown of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table duties of excise at the rates respectively specified in the second column of the Table.

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| Tobacco unmanufactured—
  containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—
  unstripped | 2 13 34 |
  containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof | 2 13 114 |
| Tobacco manufactured, viz.—
  Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond | 2 15 4|
  Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured and so in proportion for any less quantity |

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.

Tobacco (Drawback).

4. That, as respects tobacco on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the increased rates for which provision is made by any Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means together with this Resolution,
drawback shall be allowed at the rates set out in the following Table instead of at the rates set out in Part III of the Fourth Schedule to the Finance Act, 1943.

### Rates per pound

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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.

### Artificial Silk (Customs and Excise)

5. That, as from the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-seven:

(a) the duties of excise on artificial silk singles yarn and straw or and a licence to be taken out annually by a manufacturer of artificial silk yarn shall cease to be chargeable; and

(b) the rates of duties of customs chargeable under section four of the Finance Act, 1925, in respect of artificial silk yarn and tissues shall be reduced by sixpence and shall be as follows, that is to say—

- artificial silk yarn—the lb. ... gd.
- artificial silk tissues—the lb. ... 1 d.

and the Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1934, shall have effect subject to the following amendments of Part II of the First Schedule to that Order (which sets out the rates of duties of customs on certain articles made wholly or partly of artificial silk), that is to say—

- in the second column—
  - (i) for the words "An amount equal to 43\% per cent. of the value of the article or an amount calculated at the rate of 4s. the pound on the weight of the article, whichever is the greater" there shall be substituted the words "An amount equal to 42 per cent. of the value of the article or an amount calculated at the rate of 4s. 8d. the pound on the weight of the article, whichever is the greater";
  - (ii) for the words "An amount equal to 43\% per cent. of the value of the article where they last occur in that column there shall be substituted the words "Where any component is silk, an amount equal to 43\% per cent. of the value of the article and, where no component is silk, an amount equal to 42 per cent. of the value of the article", and

and section nine of the Finance Act, 1933, shall have effect as if the preceding provisions of this paragraph of this Resolution were contained in an order made under that section:

Provided that nothing in this Resolution shall affect any drawback of duty allowable in respect of artificial silk or any article made wholly or in part of artificial silk where the duty became chargeable on the artificial silk whether before or after the passing of this Resolution and before the said first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

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.

Allowance for Artificial Silk used in Tyres (Customs)

6. That no allowance shall be paid under Allowance for Artificial Silk used in Tyres (Customs) section eleven of the Finance Act, 1940, in respect of any artificial silk on which a duty of customs has been paid contained in yarn or tissue used in the manufacture of tyres if that duty becomes chargeable on or after the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

### PURCHASE TAX

#### Purchase Tax (Intermediate and Higher Rates)

7. That—

(a) as from the sixteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, purchase tax shall be charged in respect of goods of the classes specified in the following Table—

- (i) where they are not goods of the classes specified in the Seventh Schedule to the Finance Act, 1942, at an intermediate rate equal to two-thirds of the rate of the goods; and
- (ii) where they are goods of the classes specified in the said Seventh Schedule, at the higher rate; and

(b) the Treasury shall have power under section twenty of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, subject to approval by this House, by order to render chargeable at the intermediate rate goods not previously chargeable or chargeable at any other rate and to render goods previously chargeable at the intermediate rate chargeable at any other rate or not chargeable and the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall have effect subject to any order under that section.

#### Table

Domestic appliances and domestic apparatus being appliances and apparatus of a kind suitable for operation from electric or gas mains, but not including—

- lighting and wireless appliances and apparatus;
- gramophones and player pianos;
- clocks and parts of clocks;
- warming pads and blankets;
- hair drying machines;
- infra-red and ultra-violet ray lamps and radiant heat lamps.

Lawn mowers of a kind suitable for operation from electric mains.
Purchase Tax (Exemptions and Reductions of Rates).

8. That, as from the sixteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, 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 class specified in Part I of the following Table; 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.

Table.

Part I.

Class of goods becoming exempt.

Domestic water filters designed to remove bacteria and other suspended impurities from drinking water by mechanical means, but not including filters also employing chemical reaction.

Part II.

Classes of goods becoming chargeable at reduced rate.

Floor coverings, including linoleum, but not including carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats, matting and wooden floor coverings.

Chambers not supplied as part of a toilet service, and chair pans and commode pans and lids for such chambers and pans as aforesaid.

Hot water bottles of a kind designed for use as bed warmers or foot warmers.

Requisites for cricket of the following descriptions—sticks, balls and wicket keepers', and batsmen's pads and gloves.

Footballs, and parts of footballs, and footballers' shin guards.

Requisites for hockey, but not for ice hockey, of the following descriptions—sticks, balls and shin guards.

Boxing gloves.

Rowing boats specially designed as racing boats.

Part III.

Classes of goods becoming chargeable at basic rate.

Razor strops and razor sharpeners, but not including strops and sharpeners supplied as part of a toilet set.

Dental sticks and toothpicks.

Charges of Tax.

9. That—

(a) income tax for the year 1947-48 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 such higher rates in respect of the excess over two thousand pounds as Parliament may hereafter determine;

(b) subject to the provisions of any Act of the present Session relating to transport or electricity, all such enactments as had 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 1947-48.

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.

10. That—

(a) subsection (1) of section fifteen of the Finance Act, 1925 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides for a deduction of tax on an amount equal to one-eighth of the amount of earned income, but not exceeding 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 has attained the age of sixty-five years and his total income does not exceed five hundred pounds, for a deduction of tax on an amount equal to one-eighth of his income) shall have effect as if the words "one-sixth" were substituted for the words "one-eighth" and the words "two hundred and fifty pounds" were substituted for the words "one hundred and fifty pounds";

(b) section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1920 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides, amongst other things, that the deduction of tax allowable in the case of married persons shall in certain cases be increased by an amount not exceeding seven-eighths of the earned income of the claimant's wife) shall have effect as if the words "five-sixths" were substituted for the words "seven-eighths";

(c) section twenty-one of the Finance Act, 1920 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides for a deduction of tax not exceeding fifty pounds in respect of each child with an income of fifty pounds or less) shall have effect as if the words "sixty pounds" were substituted for the words "fifty pounds" in subsections (1) and (3) thereof; and

(d) subsection (1) of section sixteen of the Finance Act, 1943 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides, amongst other things, that the deduction of tax allowable in certain cases in respect of a relative of the claimant or of his or her wife or husband who is maintained by the claimant is limited to cases where the total income of the person maintained does not exceed eighty pounds a year and that the allowance is reduced if the total income of that person exceeds thirty pounds a year) shall have effect as if the words "one hundred and twenty pounds" were substituted for the words "eighty pounds" and the words "seventy pounds" were substituted for the words "thirty pounds".

Provided that the additional relief afforded by this Resolution for the year 1947-48 shall not affect the amount of tax deductible or repayable before the seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.
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.

Farm animals.

11. That, save in so far as may be otherwise provided by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance, animals and other living creatures kept for the purposes of farming or for the purposes of any trade whatsoever shall be treated for income tax purposes as trading stock or, in so far as an option conferred by the said Act to have them treated on an alternative basis has been duly exercised as respects them, on that alternative basis; and that where such an option is availed of or is or has been or may become available, such other consequences shall ensue for income tax purposes to all persons then or thereafter concerned as may be provided by the said Act.

Double Taxation Relief

12. That the extent and incidence of income tax, for the year 1946–47 and subsequent years of assessment, shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments of the law relating to the effects of provisions in arrangements with the governments of territories outside the United Kingdom for the crediting, against United Kingdom tax, of tax payable under the laws of those territories.

Transfers of assets under Coal Industry Nationalisation Act

13. That, as respects past, present and future years of assessment, the law applicable to the income tax of the National Coal Board and the other persons concerned shall be amended in relation to cases where, whether before or after the passing of this Resolution, assets vest in that Board by virtue of any of the provisions of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946.

Exceptional Depreciation Allowances

14. That any exceptional depreciation allowance in respect of a building or structure for the year of assessment in which the appointed day (within the meaning of the Income Tax Act, 1945) falls shall, for the purposes of section four of that Act, be written off as at the end of the immediately preceding year of assessment and this Resolution shall apply to all persons. then or thereafter concerned as to all persons who, as directors or otherwise, are taking part or are to take part or have taken part in the management of their affairs, or by employers of any kind for persons who are or are to be or have been their employees.

Benefits procured for Directors and Employees

15. That it is expedient to impose liability to income tax where benefits (including benefits which are to be enjoyed only on the happening of particular contingencies) are or are to be procured or provided by bodies for persons who, as directors or otherwise, are taking part or are to take part or have taken part in the management of their affairs, or by employers of any kind for persons who are or are to be or have been their employees.

Profits Tax and Excess Profits Tax

16. That the extent and incidence of the profits tax (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) be varied so as to give effect to amendments as to the rate of the tax, the scope of the tax, the computation of profits and losses for the purposes of the tax, the relief to be given for double taxation and the other conditions subject to which the tax is charged.

Excess Profits Tax

17. That the extent and incidence of excess profits tax (for all chargeable accounting periods) be varied so as to give effect to amendments as to the meaning of the expression "remuneration " in reference to directors and to provisions operating where there has been a direction under section twenty-four of the Finance Act, 1943.

Legacy and Succession Duties

Charge of Additional Duty

18. That there shall be charged on legacies and transfers of assets, or on the death duties thereon, additional duty of one hundred and forty-seven, and such duties arising on or after that day, on which legacy or succession duty is payable or has before that day been paid under the enactments now in force, a further legacy or succession duty at a rate equal to the rate or aggregate rate of the duty thereon under those enactments; and this Resolution shall apply also to other legacies and successions so as to authorise charging the further legacy or succession duty thereon on deaths and other events happening on or after the said sixteenth day of April.

Stamps

Conveyances, Transfers and Leases

19. That the stamp duties charged under or by reference to the headings " Conveyance or Transfer, whether on sale or otherwise," " Conveyance or Transfer on sale of any property " and " Lease or Tack " in the First Schedule to the Stamp Act, 1891, shall be double those now chargeable, but this Resolution—
(a) shall not affect the operation of any enactment limiting an ad valorem duty to ten shillings in certain cases;
(b) shall not apply to the duty chargeable on any conveyance or transfer on sale, other than of any stocks (including units under a unit trust scheme) or marketable securities, or to the duty chargeable in respect of any consideration other than rent for a lease at a rent not exceeding twenty pounds a year; where the conveyance or transfer or the lease is not a transaction, and does not form part of a larger transaction, or of a series of transactions, in respect of which the amount or value or the aggregate amount or value of the consideration exceeds fifteen hundred pounds; and
(c) shall not apply to the duty chargeable on a lease (other than a lease operating as a voluntary disposition inter vivos) for an indefinite term or a term not exceeding thirty-five years where the sole consideration is a rent not exceeding one hundred pounds a year.

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(b) the stamp duties charged under section one hundred and fourteen of the Stamp Act, 1891, as amended by subsequent enactments, and under section thirty-seven of the Finance Act, 1939, by way of composition for the stamp duty chargeable on transfers of certain stocks and the stamp duty charged under section one hundred and fifteen of the Stamp Act, 1891, as amended by subsequent enactments, by way of composition in respect of the transfer of certain stocks (including units under unit trust schemes) and otherwise shall be double those now chargeable;

(c) the stamp duties charged on contract notes in respect of stocks (including units under unit trust schemes) and marketable securities shall be double those now chargeable; and

(d) the stamp duties charged on letters of allotment, letters of renunciation and other documents having the effect of a letter of allotment, and on scrip certificates and similar documents shall be double those now chargeable.

Loan Capital, Bonds, Mortgages, &c.

21. That—

(a) the stamp duty charged on loan capital under section eight of the Finance Act, 1891, shall be double that now chargeable;

(b) the stamp duties charged under or by reference to the headings "Bond, Covenant or Instrument," and "Mortgage, Bond, Debenture, Covenant and Warrant of Attorney" in the first Schedule to the Stamp Act, 1891, shall be double those now chargeable; and

(c) the reference in the heading "Bond given pursuant to the directions of" to the word "of," in the said Schedule to duties of excise or customs shall include a reference to purchase tax.

Bonus Issues of Securities

22. That where on or after the sixteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, a company issues any shares or other securities or increases the rights or reduces the liabilities attached to any shares or other securities and does so by way of bonus to members or debenture holders of itself or of another company, a statement shall be made of the value of the bonus, and that statement shall be charged with an ad valorem stamp duty of ten pounds for every hundred pounds or part of a hundred pounds of the value of the bonus, and any Act of the present Session relating to Finance may contain provision—

(a) for determining how far any matter is to be treated as being by way of bonus to any persons, and in particular for so treating an issue if the offer is limited to those persons or if in connection with the issue those persons receive preferential treatment; and

(b) for determining the value of the bonus.

MISCELLANEOUS

Essential Commodities Reserves Fund

23. That the sum of nine hundred and seventy-three thousand and forty-one pounds fourteen shillings and sixpence be paid out of the Essential Commodities Reserves Fund into the Exchequer.

The First Resolution being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, in l. 7, by leaving out from the word "oils," to the word "of," in line 8, and inserting the words "not being light oils"—(Mr. Erroll)—instead thereof.

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

And the Resolution 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—

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 Yeses, Captain Snow: Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Drewe, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp: 266.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution—

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeses, Mr. Hannon: Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Studholme: 118.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Third to the Sixth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Seventh 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.

Tellers for the Yeses, Mr. Daines: Mr. Drewe, Mr. Collindridge: 238.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Ordered, That consideration of the remaining Resolutions be now adjourned.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Ordered, That the Ninth and Subsequent Resolutions be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Finance (Savings Banks).

(In the Committee)

Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating...
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 Rotherham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of this instant April, 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 Glossop, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of this instant April, 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 Maldon, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Michael Stewart)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Tuesday evening and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-eight minutes after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 89.]

Wednesday, 23rd April, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and Public Petitions. Vide Second Report.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report as to the Expulsion, Registration, and Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of March 1947.

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

1. the Rural District of Easthampstead,
2. the Urban District of Leighton Buzzard,
3. the Rural District of Midhurst, and
4. the City of Plymouth.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement for the Preservation or Restoration of Industrial Property Rights affected by the Second World War (with Final Protocol and Additional Final Protocol), signed at Neuchâtel on the 8th day of February 1947 (The Agreement has not yet been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

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 19th April 1947, entitled—
(1) the Edible Oils and Fats (Control of Sales) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Potatoes (1946 Crop) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1947.

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, intitled, An Act to confer further powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Dudley with reference to the supply of heat by means of hot water and steam; the central collection of house refuse in connection with certain of their housing estates; the acquisition, maintenance and use of Dudley Castle; to make further provision for the improvement, health and local government of the borough; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Dudley Corporation Bill [Lords].

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

The Dudley 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Army and Air Force (Annual) 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)—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. Simmons, Mr. Hannan: 253.
Tellers for the Mr. STUDHOLME, Major Conant: 113.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ninth and Subsequent Resolutions which, yesterday, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 15th day of this instant April.

The Ninth Resolution.—

Charge of Income Tax.

That—

(a) income tax for the year 1947-48 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 such higher rates in respect of the excess over two thousand pounds as Parliament may hereafter determine;

(b) subject to the provisions of any Act of the present Session relating to transport or electricity, all such enactments as had 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 1947-48.

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, 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 a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Joseph Henderson 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 this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Tenth Resolution.—

Personal Reliefs.

That—

(a) subsection (2) of section fifteen of the Finance Act, 1925 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides for a deduction of tax on an amount equal to one eighth of the amount of earned income, but not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds) and subsection (2) of the said section fifteen (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides for a deduction of tax on an amount equal to one eighth of the amount of earned income, but not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds) were substituted for the words " one-sixth " and the words not exceed five hundred pounds, for a deduction of tax on an amount equal to one-eighth of his income) shall have effect as if the words " one-sixth " were substituted for the words " one-eighth "; and the words " two hundred and fifty pounds " were substituted for the words " one hundred and fifty pounds ";

(b) section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1920 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides, amongst other things, that the deduction of tax allowable in the case of married persons shall in certain cases be increased by an amount not exceeding seven eighths of the earned income of the claimant's wife) shall have effect as if the words " five-sixths " were substituted for the words " seven-eighths ";
trading stock or, in so far as an option conferred
relating to Finance, animals, and other living
provided by any Act of the present Session
of the House, withdrawn.

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave
thereto, in
Act, 1913, being read a second time;

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should have statutory effect under the pro-
in the public interest that this Resolution
nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

or repayable before the seventh day of July,
governments of territories outside the United
effects of provisions in arrangements with the
effect to amendments of the law relating to the
of assessment, shall be varied so as to give
for the year 1946-47 and subsequent years
or is or has been or may become available,
as respects them, on that alternative basis
alternative

creatures kept for the purposes of farming

provided, amongst other things, that the deduction
of tax allowable in certain cases in
respect of a relative of the claimant
or of his or her wife or husband who is
maintained by the claimant is limited to
cases where the total income of
the person maintained does not exceed
eighty pounds a year and that the allow-
ance is reduced if the total income of
that person exceeds thirty pounds a
year) shall have effect as if the words
"one hundred and twenty pounds"
were substituted for the words "eighty
pounds" and the words "seventy
pounds" were substituted for the words
"thirty pounds";
Provided that the additional relief afforded
by this Resolution for the year 1947-48
shall not affect the amount of tax deductible
or repayable before the seventh day of July,
nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient
in the public interest that this Resolution
should have statutory effect under the pro-
visions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes
Act, 1913,—being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made
thereto, in l. 19, by leaving out the word
"two," and inserting the word "three"—
(Mr. Howard),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the
word "two," stand part of the Resolution:

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

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Eleventh Resolution,—

Farm Animals.

That, save in so far as may be otherwise
provided by any Act of the present Session
relating to Finance, animals and other living
creatures kept for the purposes of farming
or for the purposes of any trade whatsoever
shall be treated for income tax purposes as
trading stock or, in so far as an option conferred
by the said Act to have them treated on an
alternative basis has been duly exercised as
respects them, on that alternative basis
and that where such an option is availed of
or is has been or may become available,
such other consequences shall ensue for
income tax purposes to all persons then or thereafter
concerned as may be provided by the said
Act,—being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Twelfth Resolution,—

Double Taxation Relief.

That the extent and incidence of income
tax for the year 1946-47 and subsequent years
of assessment, shall be varied so as to give
effects to amendments of the law relating to the
effects of provisions in arrangements with the
governments of territories outside the United
Kingdom for the crediting, against United
Kingdom tax, of tax payable under the laws
of those territories,—being read a second time,
was agreed to.

The Thirteenth Resolution,—

Transfer of Assets under Coal Industry
Nationalisation Act.

That, as respects past, present and future
years of assessment, the law applicable to the
income tax of the National Coal Board and the
other persons concerned shall be amended in
relation to cases where, whether before or
after the passing of this Resolution, assets
vest in that Board by virtue of any of the
provisions of the Coal Industry Nationalisation
Act, 1946,—being read a second time, was
agreed to.

The Fourteenth Resolution,—

Exceptional Depreciation Allowances.

That any exceptional depreciation allowance
in respect of a building or structure for the
year of assessment in which the appointed
day (within the meaning of the Income Tax
Act, 1945) falls shall, for the purposes of
section four of that Act, be written off as
at the end of the immediately preceding year
of assessment, and this Resolution shall apply
to all years of assessment, including the year
1946-47,—being read a second time, was
agreed to.

The Fifteenth Resolution,—

Benefits procured for Directors and
Employees.

That it is expedient to impose liability to
income tax where benefits (including benefits
which are to be enjoyed only on the happening
of particular contingencies) are or are to be
procured or provided by persons who, as directors or otherwise are taking
part or are to take part or have taken part
in the management of their affairs, or by
employers of any kind for persons who are or are to be or have been their employees,—being
read a second time, was agreed to.

The Sixteenth Resolution,—

Profits Tax.

That the extent and incidence of the profits
tax (for past and future chargeable accounting
periods) be varied so as to give effect to amend-
ments as to the rate of the tax, the scope of the
tax, the computation of profits and losses
for the purposes of the tax, the relief to be
given for double taxation and the other
conditions subject to which the tax is charged,
—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 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.

And a Motion being made, and the Question
being proposed, That this House doth agree
with the Committee in the said Resolution:

The Yeas to the Right;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Pearson, Studholme, Thorp);
Tellers for the Noes, (Captain Snow, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp);

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;
The House divided. 
Yea, 254.  
Noes, 115. 

The Seventeenth Resolution,—Excess Profits Tax.

That the extent and incidence of excess profits tax (for all chargeable accounting periods) be varied so as to give effect to amendments as to the meaning of the expression "remuneration" in reference to directors and to provisions operating where there has been a direction under section twenty-four of the Finance Act, 1943,—being read a second time, was agreed to.

Yea, 226.  
Noes, 100. 

The Eighteenth Resolution,—Charge of Additional Duty.

That there shall be charged on legacies derived from a testator or intestate dying on or after the sixteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and successions arising on or after that day, on which legacy or succession duty is payable or has before that day been paid under the enactments now in force, a further legacy or succession duty at a rate equal to the rate or aggregate rate of the duty thereon under those enactments; and this Resolution shall apply also to other legacies and successions so as to authorise charging the further legacy or succession duty thereon on deaths and other events happening on or after the said sixteenth day of April,—being read a second time;

Yea, 245.  
Noes, 99. 

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.  
Yea, 262.  
Noes, 100. 

The Nineteenth Resolution,—Conveyances, Transfers and Leases.

That the stamp duties charged under or by reference to the headings "Conveyance or Transfer, whether on sale or otherwise," "Conveyance or Transfer on sale of any property" and "Lease or Tack" in the First Schedule to the Stamp Act, 1891, shall be double those now chargeable, but this Resolution—

(a) shall not affect the operation of any enactment limiting an ad valorem duty to ten shillings in certain cases;
(b) shall not apply to the duty chargeable on any conveyance or transfer on sale, other than of any stocks (including units under a unit trust scheme) or marketable securities, or to the duty chargeable in respect of any consideration other than rent for a lease at a rent not exceeding twenty pounds a year where the conveyance or transfer or the lease is not a transaction, and does not form part of a larger transaction, or of a series of transactions, in respect of which the amount or value of the aggregate amount or value of the consideration exceeds fifteen hundred pounds; and
(c) shall not apply to the duty chargeable on a lease (other than a lease operating as a voluntary disposition inter vivos) for an indefinite term or a term not exceeding thirty-five years where the sole consideration is a rent not exceeding one hundred pounds a year,—being read a second time, was agreed to.

Yea, 254.  
Noes, 115. 

The Twentieth Resolution,—

Stocks, Marketable Securities and Letters of Allotment, &c.

That—

(a) the stamp duties charged on marketable securities, share warrants and stock certificates to bearer, and on other instruments to bearer, shall be double those now chargeable;
(b) the stamp duties charged under section one hundred and fourteen of the Stamp Act, 1891, as amended by subsequent enactments, and under section thirty-seven of the Finance Act, 1939, by way of composition for the stamp duty chargeable on transfers of certain stocks and the stamp duty charged under section one hundred and fifteen of the Stamp Act, 1891, as amended by subsequent enactments, by way of composition in respect of the transfer of certain stocks (including units under unit trust schemes) and otherwise shall be double those now chargeable;
(c) the stamp duties charged on contract notes in respect of stocks (including units under unit trust schemes) and marketable securities shall be double those now chargeable; and
(d) the stamp duties charged on letters of allotment, letters of renunciation and other documents having the effect of a letter of allotment, and on scrip certificates and similar documents shall be double those now chargeable,—being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Twenty-first Resolution,—

Loan Capital, Bonds, Mortgages, &c.

That—

(a) the stamp duty charged on loan capital under section eight of the Finance Act, 1899, shall be double that now chargeable;
(b) the stamp duties charged under or by reference to the headings "Bond, Covenant or Instrument", and "Mortgage, Bond, Deed-bond, Covenant and Warrant of Attorney" in the First Schedule to the Stamp Act, 1891, shall be double those now chargeable; and
(c) the reference in the heading "Bond given pursuant to the directions of any Act", &c., in the said Schedule to duties of any other customs shall include a reference to purchase tax,—being read a second time, was agreed to.
The Twenty-second Resolution,—

Bonus Issues of Securities.

That where on or after the sixteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, a company issues any shares or other securities or increases the rights or reduces the liabilities attached to any shares or other securities and does so by way of bonus to members or debenture holders of itself or of another company, a statement shall be made of the value of the bonus, and that statement shall be charged with an ad valorem stamp duty of ten pounds for every hundred pounds or part of a hundred pounds of the value of the bonus, and any Act of the present Session relating to Finance may contain provision—

(a) for determining how far any matter is to be treated as being by way of bonus to any persons, and in particular for so treating an issue if the offer is limited to those persons or if in connection with the issue those persons receive preferential treatment; and

(b) for determining the value of the bonus—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 the House having continued to sit till after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

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

 Tellers for the [Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Simmons]
  181.
 Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Major Ramsay]:
  75.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twenty-third Resolution,—

Essential Commodities Reserves Fund.

That the sum of nine hundred and seventy-three thousand and forty-one pounds fourteen shillings and sixpence be paid out of the Essential Commodities Reserves Fund into the Consolidated Fund, such borrowings under the Consolidated Fund, such borrowings under the National Loans Act, 1939, and such releases of debts due to the Crown are required by any of the following provisions of the said Act of the present Session, that is to say—

(a) a provision that the permanent annual charge for the National Debt for the current financial year shall be five hundred and twenty-five million pounds and that the sums required in 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, may be raised by such borrowings as aforesaid;

(b) a provision extending section twenty-six of the Finance Act, 1946 (which relates to the repayment of post-war income tax credits to elderly persons) to credits for the years 1944–45 and 1945–46; and

(c) a provision relaxing, in certain cases where assets of a trade or business are compulsorily acquired so that the trade or business or a part thereof can no longer be carried on by the persons carrying it on before the acquisition, the requirements of Part IV of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1945, as to the giving and carrying out of undertakings in connection with the making of post-war refunds of excess profits tax.

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

Captain Snow reported from the Committee on Finance (Savings Banks), 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 payment out of the Consolidated Fund:

(a) of such sums, into the Post Office Savings Bank Fund and the Fund for the Banks for Savings, as may be provided for by the said Act;

(b) of such expenses (including the remuneration of members and officers) of the Inspection Committee established under section two of the Savings Banks Act, 1891, and such expenses of the National Debt Commissioners, as may be so provided for, and to repeal subsection (2) of section four of the Savings Banks Act, 1891 (which requires expenses of the said Inspection Committee to be levied from trustee savings banks in certain cases).

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

Captain Snow reported from the Committee Ways and Means on Ways and Means of the 17th day of this instant April, a Resolution; which was read, as Report.

Followeth:

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.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Finance said Resolution and upon the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means on the 22nd day of this instant April and agreed to that day, yesterday, and this day, and upon the Resolutions reported from the Committee on Finance (Savings Banks) and Finance (Savings Banks) and agreed to this day, by the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Glenvil Hall.

Mr. Glenvil Hall accordingly presented a Bill Finance Bill.
Resolved, That the Clearing Office (Spain) Amendment Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 590), dated 31st March 1947, made by the Treasury under Sections 1 and 3 of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, That the Import Duties (Substitution) (No. 1) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 604), dated 2nd April 1947, made by the Treasury under Section 16 of the Finance Act, 1933, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties (No. 1) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 588) dated 1st April 1947, made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant April, be approved. —(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Mr. Barnes, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Transport [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 provide, amongst other things, for the establishment of a British Transport Commission, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required to fulfil any guarantee by the Treasury of the principal of and interest on moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Commission or any other body having functions under the said Act, so, however, that the moneys temporarily borrowed by the Commission do not at any time exceed twenty-five million pounds;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the remuneration of officers and servants of the Transport Tribunal referred to in the said Act appointed under the said Act in excess of the number authorised by section twenty-one of the Railways Act, 1921.

For the purposes of this Resolution, the expression "borrow" does not include—

(i) the receipt of money by the Commission in the course of the carrying on of a savings bank operated for the benefit of the employees of the Commission, or the use by the Commission of money so received; or

(ii) the receipt or use by the Commission of moneys received by trustees carrying on such a savings bank as aforesaid; or

(iii) the receipt or use by the Commission of moneys of a pension fund established for the purposes of a pension scheme (as defined in the said Act of the present Session) in which employees of the Commission are participants.—(Mr. Barnes.)

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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Public Offices the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of March last, That the Public Offices (Site) Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Diamond be discharged Estimates, from the Select Committee on Estimates; and that Mr. Richard Adams be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Snow); 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 five minutes before Two of the clock on Thursday morning, without a Question first put, till this day.

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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 Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz:—

London, Midland and Scottish Railway

Bill.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented a Bill to confirm Marriages certain Provisional Orders made by one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz:—

London, Midland and Scottish Railway

Bill.

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London, Midland and Scottish Railway

Bill.
Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account up to the 31st day of March 1947 of sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given by the Treasury under Section 25 of the Finance Act, 1934.

Trade Facilities.

No. 88. Account up to the 31st day of March 1947 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.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report by a Committee of Enquiry into the Closing Hours of Shops.

Metropolitan Police District.

Mr. Secretary Eden also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of the Metropolitan Police Fund, showing the Sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police and Police Courts between the 1st day of April 1946 and the 31st day of March 1947 and the Receipts and Payments of the Metropolitan Police Loan Account from the 1st day of April 1935 to the 31st day of March 1947.

Copy of an Order made by the City Council of the City of Rochester and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Acts, 1912.

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 16th April 1947, to the Reservation of Posts (Officers in His Majesty’s Forces) Rules, 1938.

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 2nd April 1947, approving an Admiralty Memorial praying sanction to certain increases of pensions and other awards to members of His Majesty’s Naval, Marine and Reserve Forces.

Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, on the 13th day of January 1947, amending the Statutes of the College.

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 22nd April, 1947, entitled the Coal Distribution Order, 1943. General Direction (Restriction of Supplies) No. 14.

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

Colonel Ropner reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Agriculture 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 Deputy Chairman reported from the Helston and Porthleven Water Bill.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Forth Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

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 considers that the production of British civil aircraft should be encouraged so as to supply the present and potential needs of British air transport services and of our overseas markets"—(Major MacCallum), 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).


Class I.

Vote 2. House of Commons.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £552,192, 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 1948, for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Captain Snow)—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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Army and Air Force Annual 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.

Captain Snow reported from the Committee on Transport [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide, amongst other things, for the establishment of a British Transport Commission, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required to fulfill any guarantee by the Treasury of the principal of and interest on moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Commission or any other body having functions under the said Act, so, however, that the moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Commission do not at any time exceed twenty-five million pounds;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the remuneration of officers and servants of the Transport Tribunal referred to in the said Act appointed under the said Act in excess of the number authorised by section twenty-one of the Railways Act, 1921.

For the purposes of this Resolution, the expression "borrow" does not include—

(i) the receipt of moneys by the Commission in the course of the carrying on of a savings bank operated for the benefit of the employees of the Commission, or the use by the Commission of such moneys as aforesaid; or

(ii) the receipt or use by the Commission of moneys received by trustees carrying on a savings bank operated for the benefit of the employees of the Commission, or the use by the Commission of such moneys as aforesaid; or

(iii) the receipt or use by the Commission of moneys of a pension fund established for the purposes of a pension scheme (as defined in the said Act of the present Session) in which employees of the Commission are participants.

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

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 Wolverhampton, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd 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 Borough of Brecon, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of this instant April, be approved. (Mr. Secretary Ede.)

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 resuming the Public Offices (Site) Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of March last, That the Public Offices (Site) Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Cheese (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 428), dated 11th March 1947, a copy of which Order was presented on 14th March, be annulled—(Mr. Charles Taylor):

—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Michael Stewart):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then sixteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

MR. GLENWIL HALL presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, 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 1947 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 repaid by way of repayment of any sums so issued.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
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 City of Chester,
(2) the Borough of Lewes,
(3) the Urban District of Newmarket, and
(4) the Borough of Stourbridge.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Supplies and Services
(Transitional Powers) (Food).

Mr. Stracey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 21st April 1947, entitled the Condensed Milk (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947,
(2) dated 21st April 1947, entitled the Feeding Stuff (Licensing and Control) (Amendment) Order, 1947,
(3) dated 22nd April 1947, entitled the Milk (Non-Priority Allowance) (No. 1) Order, 1947.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Coal Industry.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd April 1947, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Central Valuation Board) Regulations, 1947.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Supply and Services
(Transitional Powers) (Food) (Rationing).

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by a Visitor, to the following Resolution, viz., That it is necessary for the proper functioning of the functions to which the Lords desire the concurrence of the Lords, it is necessary to make a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of the House.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Statistics of Trade Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Information from persons entering or leaving the United Kingdom by air)—(Mr. Belcher)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Centralisation of statistical information)—(Mr. Manningham-Buller); 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. Pearson,
Yea, (Mr. Michael Stewart : { 188.
Tellers for the [Mr. Drew,
Noes, (Major Conant : } 60.

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. 2, l. 32, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—
"Where a notice under subsection (2) of this section is served upon a person by a competent authority to which the Board of Trade have delegated any of their functions, the notice shall state that it is served by the competent authority in the exercise of powers delegated to it by the Board of Trade."—(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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 35, by leaving out the word "two" and inserting the word "three"—(Mr. Manningham-Buller),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "two" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 4, by leaving out the word "fifty," and inserting the word "twenty"—(Mr. Royle),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "twenty," stand part of the Bill:—The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Michael Stewart,
Yea, (Mr. Daines : { 155.
Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme,
Noes, (Major Ramsey : } 46.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 4, by leaving out from the word "pounds," to the end of line 8, and inserting the words "or, in the case of a second or subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds.
(2) If the failure in respect of which a person is convicted under the last foregoing subsection is continued after the conviction he shall be guilty of a further offence and may on summary conviction thereof be punished accordingly"—(Mr. Solicitor General),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

11 Geo. VI.
25th April.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Midhurst, a copy of which Order was presented on the 23rd day of this instant April, 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 Rural District of Easthampstead, a copy of which Order was presented on the 23rd day of this instant April, 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 Plymouth, a copy of which Order was presented on the 23rd day of this instant April, 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 Eastbourne, and the Borough of Ryde.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 11th day of April 1947, between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the French Government modifying the Provisions of the Supplementary Agreement of the 29th day of April 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. 233 (No. 43 of the University Court of the University of St. Andrews) (Foundation of the Chair of German Language and Literature), and

(2) No. 234 (No. 44 of the University Court of the University of St. Andrews) (Foundation of the Watson-Watt Chair of Electrical Engineering).

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, dated 21st April 1947, entitled the Compressed Acetylene Order, 1947.

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 Licence, dated 22nd April 1947, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Bazaars and Sales of Work) Licence, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Edie 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 Bath,
(2) the Borough of Boston,
(3) the County Borough of Eastbourne, and
(4) the Borough of Ryde.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Sunday direction of the 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 Bath,
(2) the Borough of Boston,
(3) the County Borough of Eastbourne, and
(4) the Borough of Ryde.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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. 233 (No. 43 of the University Court of the University of St. Andrews) (Foundation of the Chair of German Language and Literature), and

(2) No. 234 (No. 44 of the University Court of the University of St. Andrews) (Foundation of the Watson-Watt Chair of Electrical Engineering).

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the Explosives direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 23rd April 1947, entitled the Compressed Acetylene Order, 1947.

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 21st April 1947, entitled the Carpets (Imported) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

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 18th April 1947, entitled the Ploughing Grants Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the East Retford 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. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Railway Rates Tribunal (for 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 22nd April 1947, entitled the Potatoes (1946 Crop) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1947,
(2) dated 22nd April 1947, entitled the Syrup and Treacle (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947,
(3) dated 23rd April 1947, entitled the Food ( Licensing of Retailers) (Amendment) Order, 1947,
(4) dated 23rd April 1947, entitled the Imported Apples (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947,
(5) dated 23rd April 1947, entitled the Bananas (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947,
(6) dated 23rd April 1947, entitled the White Fish (Distribution) (Amendment) Order, 1947, and
(7) dated 23rd April 1947, entitled the Invert Sugar (Maximum Wholesale Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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 April 1947, entitled the Directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of

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. 13 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 10 (Compensation). Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 28, to leave out from the word “Commission” to the end of the subsection, and insert the words “as hereinafter provided:

(2) The amount of compensation payable under the foregoing subsection shall be such as may be determined by a tribunal to be called the ‘compensation tribunal’ consisting of three members of whom (a) one (who shall be chairman of the tribunal) shall be a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary or a Judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature to be nominated by the Lord Chancellor (b) one shall be an accountant to be nominated by the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants for England and Wales; and (c) one shall be a person experienced in matters of finance or business to be nominated by the Chairman of the Bankers Clearing House Committee.

(3) The Compensation Tribunal shall determine the amount of compensation payable in respect of the capital and income rights and expectations of holders of each class of the securities specified in the Fourth Schedule to this Act having regard to all the circumstances of the case including in particular but without limitation of the matters to which the compensation tribunal may have regard any of the following:

(a) the income which, but for the passing of this Act, might reasonably have been acquirable to holders of each class of the said securities in the future on the basis of the estimated future net maintainable revenue of the undertakings;
(b) the relationship between the interest yield obtained on the various classes of the said securities and that obtained on reasonably comparable Government securities during the period nineteen hundred and twenty-three to nineteen hundred and thirty-eight inclusive;

c) where the tribunal is unable to attribute an income value to any of the said securities the average of the mean of the quotations for such of the said securities as were shown on the Stock Exchange Daily List

(i) on the first, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth days of November, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and
(ii) on the fifteenth day of February, the fifteenth day of March, the sixteenth day of April, the fifteenth day of May, the fifteenth day of June and the sixteenth day of July 1945;

d) the net assets of each undertaking transferred to the Commission under this Act—

(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Joseph Henderson

268.

Mr. Hannan

269.

Mr. Drew

121.

Lieutenant-Colonel

Thorpe:

122.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words "of such amount as will yield interest on the values of the securities arrived at in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding section at a rate equivalent to the average of the mean of the interest yield obtainable on reasonably comparable Government securities on the dates specified in subsection (2) of that section."

—(Mr. Selwyn Lloyd.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Drew

Lieutenant-Colonel

Thorpe:

114.

Mr. Joseph Henderson

274.

Mr. Hannan

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words—Provided that the British Transport Stock to be issued in satisfaction of the compensation payable in respect of loans perpetual annuities or debenture stocks shall be of such amount and bear such rate of interest as will assure to holders the equivalent of the annual interest payable on their securities for the last complete year prior to the passing of this Act.—(Mr. Assheton.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Major Conant

Lieutenant - Colonel

Thorpe:

118.

Mr. Collinridge

Mr. Popplewell:

285.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Collinridge

127.

Mr. Popplewell:

116.

Major Conant:

Lieutenant - Colonel

Thorpe:

117.

Clauses Nos. 25 and 35 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 46 (Amount of compensation).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 53, l. 44, to leave out from the word "than," to the word "the," in l. 45, and insert the words "five times nor more than seven and a half times."—(Mr. Peter Thorneycroft.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Captain Snow

293.

Commander Agnew

130.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 54, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words "(4) If the transferor elects that this paragraph shall apply, then the Commission shall pay to the transferor compensation representing fifteen times the average net annual profit as defined in the Seventh Schedule to this Act in lieu of compensation payable in accordance with subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section:

Provided that, notwithstanding such election the Commission shall be entitled to pay compensation in accordance with subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section:

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Commander Agnew

128.

Mr. Studholme

129.

Another Amendment made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Michael Stewart

292.

Mr. Daines:

133.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 64, l. 37, to leave out paragraph (b), and insert the words—"(b) compensation shall be payable in respect of the cessation of business, and such compensation shall equal a sum calculated in accordance with subsection (3) of section forty-eight of this Act subject to a proportionate redemption in respect of compensation reasonably attributable to that part of the undertaking which is not transferred to the Commission."

—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)
Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Michael Stewart, Yeas, 295, Mr. Collindridge:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Noes, 130, Mr. Studholme:]

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, 285, Mr. Michael Stewart:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Noes, 125, Mr. Studholme:]

Clauses Nos. 65, 69, 86, 87, 96, 100, 101, 110 and 120, amended, and agreed to.

And it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—

(Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 29th April, 1947:

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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th April 1947, entitled the Timber (Charges) (No. 9) Order, 1947.

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, 1934, to—

(1) the Borough of Hertford,

(2) the Borough of Mansfield,

(3) the Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells, and

(4) the County Borough of St. Helens.

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

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—

Paper entitled Grant of Compensation for premature termination of their service in India to members of the Civil Services appointed by the Secretary of State and to regular officers and British warrant officers of the Indian Naval and Military Forces.

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 23rd April 1947, revoking paragraphs (1) (b) and (3) Regulation 13 of the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939.

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 of Council, dated 22nd April 1947, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Raffia Footwear) Licence, 1947.

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 25th April 1947, entitled the Labelling of Food (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 24th April 1947, entitled the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Raw Materials).

(2) dated 25th April 1947, entitled the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food).

(3) dated 25th April 1947, entitled the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Raw Materials).


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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., that they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and

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

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.:—

Dudley Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

Copy of an Order, dated 25th April 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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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 Biscuits (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 522), a copy of which was presented on the 27th day of March last, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the 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 Raw Cocoa (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 532), a copy of which was presented on the 1st day of this instant April, and the Transfer of Functions (Coast Protection) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 609), a copy of which was presented on the 15th day of this instant April, 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 an unexpected use of the powers conferred by the respective Statutes.

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

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Courthope to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on the House of Commons Members' Fund.-(Mr. Viant.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

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:


The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Transport (re-committed) Bill.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Transport Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for Four hours after Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Transport (re-committed) Bill.

Another Clause (Additional compensation to local authorities)—(Mr. Barnes)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Third and Fourth Schedules amended, and agreed to.

Eighth Schedule.
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 Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

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:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(7) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions of this section the Commission shall not run contract carriages or motor vehicles adapted to carry less than eight passengers for hire or reward."—(Mr. Digby.)

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.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 30th April, 1947:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 34, by leaving out the words "provided by order," and inserting the words "determined by the Commission with the approval"—(Mr. Assheton)—instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That those words "provided by order" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Danes; 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme; 117.

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. 17, l. 11, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that any such regulations shall not adversely affect the users of transport."—(Mr. Peter Thorneycroft.)

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

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 30, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that if any person is aggrieved by the proposal to purchase any land compulsorily on the ground that such land belongs to him and forms an essential part of the premises upon which he carries on a trade or business and was acquired in relation thereto he may within twenty-eight days from the date on which he receives notice of the proposal to purchase such land compulsorily make an application to the High Court and the Court may if in its opinion it is unreasonable in the circumstances that such land should be compulsorily acquired direct that it should not be so acquired."—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

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

And it being Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.
Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the City of Chester, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th 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 I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Lewes, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th 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 I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Newmarket, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolutions, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Wednesday, 30th April, 1947.

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. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report concerning the Bank of England for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Copy of Regulations, dated 28th April 1947, entitled the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest on Entry) Regulations, 1947.

Copy of Regulations, dated 28th April 1947, entitled the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest on Entry) (Scotland) Regulations, 1947.

Account up to the 31st day of March 1947, 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.

Statement up to the 31st day of March 1947, of the sums issued from the Consolidated Fund in respect of the redemption of 3 per cent. Local Loans Stock.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the General Index to Treaty Series 1939-46. [In continuation of “Treaty Series (No. 28, 1939),” Cmd. 6031].

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 20th day of February 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic for the Settlement of Differences regarding the Application of French Nationality to British Subjects in Tunisia.

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


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 25th April 1947, entitled the Miscellaneous Textiles (Manufacture and Apparel and Textiles) (No. 3) Directions, 1947.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Scheme made by the Plymouth City 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. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supply and Services (Transitional Powers) (Responsibility for the Settlement of Differences regarding the Application of French Nationality to British Subjects in Tunisia) Act, 1946.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Order, dated 30th April 1947, entitled the Control of Fuel (Restriction of Heating) Order, 1947.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the Supply and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food) Act, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, several Resolutions, which were read, as follows:

1. That in the case of the London and North Eastern Railway Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, that the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

2. That in the case of the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, that the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit, on condition that at the next opportunity they promote a bill to amend sections 151 and 152 of the London Government Act, 1939.

3. That in the case of the London and Scottish Railway Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, that the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

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

Mr. McIntyre 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 Mr. Speaker to lay before 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 follows:

The Lords give leave to the Lord Court of Appeal to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on the House of Commons Members' Fund, if his Lordship think fit.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed yesterday on consideration of the Transport Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal:

Which Amendment was, in p. 11, l. 30, at the end thereof, to insert the words—

"Provided that if any person is aggrieved by the proposal to purchase any land compulsorily acquired direct that it should not be so acquired, and the Question being again proposed, that those words be there inserted in the Bill:—

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Studholme:

Mr. Simmons,

Mr. Daines:

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 Yeas, 

Mr. Pearson,

Mr. Daines:

Mr. Drew,

Commander Agnew:

And the Question being put, that the word " forty-six " stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Collindridge,

Mr. Hannan:

Mr. Drew,

Mr. Studholme:

And the Question being put, that the words " (c) such other amounts as in the view of the auditor may be appropriately included as net revenue for the final period by reference to the normal practice of the body. "—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

And the Question being proposed, that those words be there inserted in the Bill:—

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Simmons,

Mr. Daines:

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. 22, l. 5, by leaving out the word " forty-six, " and inserting the word " forty-five "—(Mr. Assheton), 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 Yeas, 

Mr. Simmons,

Mr. Daines:

And the Question being put, that the word " forty-six " stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Pearson,

Mr. Daines:

Mr. Drew,

Commander Agnew:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 11, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

" (c) such other amounts as in the view of the auditor may be appropriately included as net revenue for the final period by reference to the normal practice of the body. "—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

And the Question being proposed, that those words be there inserted in the Bill:—

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Simmons,

Mr. Daines:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 41, l. 11, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

" (5) For the purpose of this section—

(a) the carriage of goods of a holding company by a subsidiary thereof, or the carriage of goods of such a subsidiary by another such subsidiary or by the holding company; or

(b) the delivery or collection by a person of goods for reward."

shall not be deemed to be the carriage of goods for reward.
In this subsection, the expression ‘holding company’ means a company which is the beneficial owner of not less than ninety per cent. of the issued share capital of another company, and the expression ‘subsidiary’ in relation to a holding company, means a company not less than ninety per cent. of the issued share capital of which is in the beneficial ownership of the holding company.

Where a subsidiary (as hereinafter defined) is the beneficial owner of any shares of another company, those shares shall be treated for the purposes of the foregoing definitions as if they were in the beneficial ownership of the holding company.”—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

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. 17, by leaving out the words “or B licence.”—(Brigadier Prior Palmer.)

And the Question being put, That the words “or B licence,” stand part of the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Hannan, Major Cowan
Tellers for the Noes, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 44, l. 18, by leaving out from the beginning, to the word “give,” and inserting the words “the Commission may”—(Mr. Wadsworth).—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 Yeas, Mr. Popplewell, Teller for the Noes, Mr. Wadsworth

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being half an hour after Nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order made upon the 3rd day of March last, successively to put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 44, l. 30, by inserting, after the word “vehicle,” the words “or in a tank not so fixed of which the capacity is not less than five hundred gallons.”—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Teller for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Wadsworth

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. 35, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

“(d) any reference (however worded and whether express or implied) to any officer or any servant of the transferor (being a body corporate) were, as respects anything falling to be done on or after the date of transfer, a reference to such person as the Commission may appoint; and

(e) any reference (however worded and whether express or implied) to any officer or any servant of the transferor were, as respects anything falling to be done on or after the date of transfer, a reference to such person as the Commission may appoint or, in default of appointment, to the officer or servant of the Commission who corresponds as nearly as may be to the first mentioned officer or servant; and.”—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—The House proceeded to a Division.

Captain Snow and Mr. Popplewell were appointed Tellers for the Yeas, but no Members being willing to act as Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Yeas had it.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 74, l. 18, by leaving out from the word “Harbours,” to the end of line 19.—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Teller for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Butcher, Sir Alan Herbert

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 95, l. 18 by inserting, after the second word “and,” the words “the discussion.”—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Teller for the Noes, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Simmons, Sir William Darling

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 100, by leaving out ll. 10 to 15.—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge,]

Yeas, [Mr. Hannan: ] 316.

Tellers for the [Mr. Niall Macpherson,]

Noes, [Mr. Alan Herbert: ] 35.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 102, l. 24, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "loss or diminution of emoluments or pension rights or."—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge,]

Yeas, [Mr. Hannan: ] 316.

Tellers for the [Mr. Butcher,]

Noes, [Mr. Niall Macpherson: ] 32.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 101, l. 15, by inserting, after the word "otherwise,"—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Michael Stewart,]

Yeas, [Mr. Hannan: ] 280.

Tellers for the [Sir Alan Herbert,]

Noes, [Mr. Butcher: ] 34.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 102, l. 34, by leaving out the word "or,"—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Michael Stewart,]

Yeas, [Mr. Hannan: ] 275.

Tellers for the [Mr. Aithen,]

Noes, [Mr. Astor: ] 33.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 102, l. 34, by inserting, after the word "or," the words "loss or diminution of emoluments or pension rights or."—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson,]

Yeas, [Mr. Daines: ] 268.

Tellers for the [Sir William Darling,]

Noes, [Mr. Teeling: ] 33.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 102, l. 35, by leaving out the word "otherwise."—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson,]

Yeas, [Mr. Daines: ] 262.

Tellers for the [Sir John Barlow,]

Noes, [Mr. Teeling: ] 36.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 105, l. 12, by leaving out the word "required."—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson,]

Yeas, [Mr. Daines: ] 269.

Tellers for the [Mr. Butcher,]

Noes, [Mr. De la Bère: ] 34.

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. 113, l. 28, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "alteration," in relation to a charges scheme under Part V of this Act, includes an addition, and 'alter' shall be construed accordingly.—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—The House proceeded to a Division;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 1st May 1947:

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Snow,]

Yeas, [Mr. Popplewell: ] 255.

Tellers for the [Sir John Barlow,]

Noes, [Mr. Lamberti: ] 34.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 113, l. 42, after the first word "or," by inserting the word "of."—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Snow,]

Yeas, [Mr. Popplewell: ] 256.

Tellers for the [Mr. Marlowe,]

Noes, [Mr. Teeling: ] 35.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 114, by leaving out ll. 1 and 2.—(Mr. Barnes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Snow,]

Yeas, [Mr. Popplewell: ] 245.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hugh Fraser,]

Noes, [Mr. Aithen: ] 35.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Entertainments.

Entertainments.

Cinematograph

Sunday

Services and Supplies and
Entertainments.

Supplies and Services (Transitional
Powers) (Biscuits).

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Cinematograph

Entertainments.

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Entertainments.

Resolved, That the Bill be read the third time this day; and be printed.

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 Bath, a copy of which Order was presented on the 28th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of Financial Agreements between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Italian Government, signed at Rome on the 17th day of April 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to West Indies, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Paper entitled Closer Association of the British West Indian Colonies.

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 25th April 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 5) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food). Order, 1947.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Persons in a Return showing the number of persons in receipt of Poor Relief in England and Wales on the night of the 1st day of May 1946 (in Wales.)
Private Bills (Group C).

Message from the Lords.

Local Government (Scotland) Bill (Lords).

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Fuel).


continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 135

of Session 1938-39.—(Mr. John Edwards.)

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at Eleven of the clock.

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

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of six Lords to be joined with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Local Government (Scotland) Bill (Lords), and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to join with the said Lords.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Control of Fuel (Restriction of Heating) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 765), dated 25th April 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 28th day of April last, be annulled.—(Mr. Robert Hudson);

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Drew and Mr. Studholme; 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Henderson and Mr. Hannan; 227.

So it passed in the Negative.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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.

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 Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells, a copy of which Order was presented on the 29th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Snow) :—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-eight minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

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 Mansfield, a copy of which Order was presented on the 29th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

[No. 96.]

Friday, 2nd May, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

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 Bedford,
(2) the Rural District of Dursley,
(3) the Borough of Swindon, and
(4) the Borough of Taunton.

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 28th April 1947, entitled the Importation of Plants (Scotland) Order, 1947.

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 25th April 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Underwear and Nightwear) (Amendment) Directions, 1947.

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


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Education (Exemptions) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation issued under Section 139 of the Government of Burma Act, 1935, by the Governor of Burma on the 10th day of December 1942, a copy of which Proclamation was presented on the 9th day of February 1943.—(Mr. Arthur Henderson.)

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, as applied by Section 1 (2) of the Government of Burma (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1945, praying that the Government of Burma (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1947, 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. Michael Stewart.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of March last, That the Public Offices (Site) Bill be now read a second time;

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

And the Question being put:

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

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a 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 the fifth day after the day upon which this Order is made, be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Petitioners praying to 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.

Ordered, That Petitions against the Bill may be deposited in the Committee and Private Bill Office, provided that such Petitions have been prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of this House relating to Petitions against Private Bills.—(Mr. Key.)

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the acquisition of a site for public offices in Westminster, to amend the Westminster Hospital Act, 1913, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Works under the said Act.—(Mr. Key.)—

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.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Third Reading of the Transport Bill on the allotted day given thereto in accordance with the Order made upon the 3rd day of March last shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at 11 p.m. instead of 9.30 p.m., and the said Order shall have effect accordingly.—(Captain Snow.)

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

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

[No. 97.]

Monday, 5th May, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Ten of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the direction 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 Urban District of Bletchley,
(2) the Urban District of Castleford,
(3) the Borough of Cleethorpes,
(4) the Urban District of Epping,
(5) the County Borough of Newport, and
(6) the Urban District of Wellingborough.

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

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

Copies of Schemes made by the Army Council and the Air Council for the Establishment and Constitution of Associations for the Counties
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907 (as amended by the Territorial Army and Militia Act, 1921), and the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Act, 1924.

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 29th April, 1947, entitled the Boot and Shoe Repairs (Maximum Charges) Order, 1947.

Copy of Directions, dated 28th April, 1947, entitled the Woven Wool Cloth (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions, 1947.

Copies of Orders,—(1) dated 28th April, 1947, entitled the Ground Sulphur (Prices) Order, 1947, and (2) dated 1st May, 1947, entitled the Control of Wool (No. 34) (Prices) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Bevan presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Persons in receipt of Poor Relief in England and Wales.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Transport of the cases in which he has exercised his Powers under Section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, during 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 28th April, 1947, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 58) Order, 1947.

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 30th April, 1947, entitled the Coal Supply (Temporary Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 relating to Private Business (Requirements as to Proof before Examiner) that the proposed Bill related to the personal affairs of an individual and was, in his opinion, such that Standing Orders 4 to 68 relating to Private Business, being Standing Orders compliance with which is required to be proved before the Examiners, should not be applicable thereto:—Stevenson Marriage (Lords).

Mr. Thomas Williams, supported by Mr. Secretary Eden, Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Collick and Mr. Thomas Fraser, presented a Bill to authorise the making out of moneys provided by Parliament of acreage payments in respect of crops grown in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven on land affected by abnormal flooding; to amend the Hill Farming Act, 1946, as respects subsidy payments for sheep; and to authorise the making of advances in respect of such subsidy payments for the years nineteen hundred and forty-eight and nineteen hundred and forty-nine: 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 Transport Bill, Third Reading of the Transport 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, the deleting the word "now," and at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

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

The House divided.

The Yeas for the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Robert Taylor: 308.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Dreux: 194.

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.

Mr. Michael Stewart reported from the Public Offices Committee on Public Offices (Site) Bill. (Money). Mr. Oliver.

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the acquisition of a site for public offices in Westminster, to amend the Westminster Hospital Act, 1913, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Works under the said Act.

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

Mr. Foot, Mr. Gammans, Mr. Mellish and Mr. Octavius Willey were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Public Offices (Site) Bill. (Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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 Urmston, a copy of which Order was presented on the 1st day of this instant May, 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 Rural District of Faringdon, a copy of which Order was presented on the 1st day of this instant May, be approved.

—(Mr. Oliver.)
Ordered, 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 Exeter, a copy of which Order was presented on the 1st day of this instant May, 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 Loughborough, a copy of which Order was presented on the 1st day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

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

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

[No. 98.] Tuesday, 6th May, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

The Dudley Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd May 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Minute of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, approved by the Treasury, regarding the grant to Sir John Adams Hunter, K.C.M.G., of a pension under subsection (1) of Section 9 of the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Act, 1911, as applied by the amending Act of 1936.

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

Mr. Secretary Bellenger 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. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd May 1947, entitled the Tomatoes Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Licence, dated 5th May 1947, entitled the General Licence (Restriction of Heating) No. 2, 1947. 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:—

First Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents, Photographic Negatives and Sound Recordings existing or accruing in the Central Office of Information, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

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.)

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.)

Mr. Malters reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills ; That they had nominated the following Two Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Public Offices (Site) Bill: Mr. Bradock and Mr. Keeling.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on the University College of Nottingham Corporation Bill.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated the following Two Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Public Offices (Site) Bill: Mr. Braddock and Mr. Keeling.

Resolved, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Foreign Marriage Act, 1892, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the Proceedings on Government Business be resumed, 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;] 281. Tellers for the [Mr. Studdholme; Noes;] 148.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on National Service [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confine the operation of the National Service Acts to make British subjects and to service in the armed forces of the Crown; to make provision as to the terms and conditions of such service and as to the period for which those Acts shall continue in operation; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred in consequence of the passing of that Act by the Minister of Labour, and National Service, a Secretary of State or the Admiralty and of any increase consequential on the passing of that Act of the compensation payable to service in the armed forces of the Crown; to make provision for planning the development and consolidation and for purposes connected with the provisions of section fifty-seven of the Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act, 1944.

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

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

(In the Committee)

 Clause No. 1 (Liability to be called up for service).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out the word "eighteen," and insert the word "twenty-one."—(Mr. Ayles.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out the words "Great Britain," and insert the word "England."—(Mr. Carmichael.) Question put, That the words "Great Britain" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge, Ayes; Mr. Davies;] 391. Tellers for the [Mr. Carmichael, Noes; Mr. Stephen;] 18.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "British," to insert the words "other than in Wales or Monmouthshire."—(Mr. Clement Davies.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising;

Mr. Robert Taylor 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, Ayes; Mr. Michael Stewart;] 230. Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Noes; Commander Agnew;] 97.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Byers, Ayes; Mr. Wordsworth;] 21. Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes; Mr. Michael Stewart;] 305.

To report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Pearson.)

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

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

Mr. Silk, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Town and Country Planning [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 make fresh provision for planning the development and use of land it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred in consequence of the passing of that Act by the Minister of Labour, and National Service, a Secretary of State or the Admiralty and of any increase consequential on the passing of that Act of the compensation payable to service in the armed forces of the Crown; to make provision for planning the development and consolidation and for purposes connected with the provisions of section fifty-seven of the Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act, 1944.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
(2) Any sums required by any Minister for making contributions to local authorities towards compensation paid by them in respect of decisions or orders under the said Act of the present Session, being decisions or orders given or made wholly or partly in the interests of a public service the cost of which is defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament;

(3) Any sums required by the Minister of Town and Country Planning for the payment of grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities in taking any action under the provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to the discontinuance of uses of land or the alteration or removal of buildings or works;

and the charging on and issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of any expenses incurred in connection with the repayment of stock issued under the said Act.—(Mr. Secretary Westwood.)

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.

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 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) [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 make fresh provision with respect to Scotland for planning the development and use of land it is expedient, in the interests of a public service, the cost of which is defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament of the following expenditure:

(1) Any increase in the compensation payable by the Crown under any Act which is attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session—
   (a) amending the law relating to the compensation payable in respect of a compulsory acquisition of land;
   (b) repealing enactments providing for the assessment of compensation, other than compensation for the compulsory acquisition of land, in accordance with the provisions of section fifty-three of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945,
   including any increase which is attributable as aforesaid in the sums payable into the Road Fund out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of expenses of the Minister of Transport;
(2) Any sums required by any Minister for making contributions to local authorities towards compensation paid by them in respect of decisions or orders under the said Act of the present Session, being decisions or orders given or made wholly or partly in the interests of a public service the cost of which is defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament;

(3) Any sums required by the Secretary of State for the payment of grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities in taking any action under the provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to the discontinuance of uses of land or the alteration or removal of buildings or works;

and the charging on and issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of any expenses incurred in connection with the repayment of stock issued under the said Act.—(Mr. Secretary Westwood.)

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.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Parish of Dursley, a copy of which Order was presented on the 2nd day of this instant May, 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 Rural District of Swindon, a copy of which Order was presented on the 2nd day of this instant May, 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 Bedford, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Taunton, a copy of which Order was presented on the 2nd day of this instant May, 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 Swindon, a copy of which Order was presented on the 2nd day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

And the House having continued to sit till Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 7th May, 1947:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Matrimonial Causes Rules, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 521), a copy of which was presented on the 28th day of March last, be annulled.—(Mr. Donovan):

—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 twenty-five minutes before Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
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 11th day of February 1947, amending the Statutes of the University.

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

Mr. Bewan presented, by His Majesty's Housing Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 31st March 1947.

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

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Camps, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Eighth Annual Report of the National Camps Corporation Limited (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947).

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

Mr. Shimwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a General Licence (Restriction of Heating) No. 2.

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 Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st March 1947.

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

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

Copy of the Parsonages (Amendment) Measure, 1947, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.


Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, that they had made Progress First Report 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: 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, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

The Foreign Marriage Bill [Lords] was read for 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); The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Mr. Simmons, 272.
Yea, Mr. Hannan ;
Tellers for the Commander Agnew, 147.
Noes, Mr. Studholme ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Liability to be called up for service).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out the word " eighteen," and insert the word " twelve."—(Mr. Alexander.)

Question proposed, That the word " eighteen " stand part of the Clause:— 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 Captain Snow, 
Yea, Mr. Popplewell ;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Byers,

Mr. Emrys Roberts : 17.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Captain Agnew, 
Yea, Mr. Studholme ;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell ;

Question put, That the word " twelve " be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Captain Snow, 
Yea, Mr. Popplewell ;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Byers,

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words— " Provided always that all those exempted from service or whose service is deferred or postponed under this Act, or any regulation under this Act, shall on reaching the age of twenty-six years be deemed to have discharged all their liabilities under this Act and shall not be liable for any further service under this Act."—(Mr. Bowen.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Whole-time and part-time service).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, to leave out from the word " deemed," to the end of line 22, and insert the words—

(a) if his last service during that term was in the royal navy or the royal marines, to be entered for service in a royal naval special reserve which the Admiralty shall raise and maintain for the purposes of this Act; or

(b) if such last service was in the regular army, to be enlisted for service in the territorial army or the army reserve, as the Army Council may direct; or

(c) if such last service was in the regular air force, to be enlisted for service in the air force reserve."—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

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. 24, to leave out the word " seventh," and insert the word " third."—(Mr. Carmichael.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 33, to leave out the word " sixty," and insert the word " seventy-five."—(Sir Ralph Glyn.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,
Yea, Mr. Collindridge : 245.
Tellers for the Mr. Drewe,
Noes, Lieutenant-Colonel

Thorp : 64.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 36, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Niall Macpherson.)

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

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Question put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 42, to leave out subsection (5).—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

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

"Provided no persons subject to the National Service Act shall be required to take duty in aid of the civil power in connection with a trade dispute or to perform, in consequence of a trade dispute, any civil or industrial duty customarily performed by a civilian in the course of his employment."—(Mr. Ayles.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—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. Michael Stewart, 
Yea, Mr. Simmons ;
Tellers for the Major Ramsey,
Noes, Lieutenant-Colonel

Thorp : 61.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Kinley,
Yea, Mr. Yates ;
Tellers for the Mr. Michael Stewart,
Noes, Mr. Simmons ;

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there added.

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. Michael Stewart, 
Yea, Mr. Simmons ;
Tellers for the Major Ramsey,
Noes, Lieutenant-Colonel

Thorp : 61.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Kinley,
Yea, Mr. Yates ;
Tellers for the Mr. Michael Stewart,
Noes, Mr. Simmons ;

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

(c) if such last service was in the regular air force, to be enlisted for service in the air force reserve."—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)
Clause No. 5 (Liability to complete interrupted service).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 40, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that a person's term of whole-time service shall be deemed to be completed if at any time after the start of the said term, he is discharged or released from service in the armed forces, otherwise than at his own request."—(Mr. Shackleton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 12, after the word "therein," to insert the words "not being earlier than the fourteenth day after the day on which the notice was served."—(Brigadier Prior-Palmer.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 15, at the end, to add the words—

"Provided that any person on whom such notice is served may, within seven days from the service thereof, if he disputes his liability for part-time service, serve a notice in writing on the service authority concerned, stating the grounds on which he disputes his liability, and thereupon he shall not be deemed to be entered or enlisted for part-time service unless and until a court of summary jurisdiction has held him to be so liable."—(Brigadier Prior-Palmer.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Calling up for training during part-time service).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided always that in selecting the time and place of training the service authorities shall have due regard to the distance of the man's residence from the training place and the hours of work during which a man earns his livelihood."—(Mr. Byers.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 24, after the word "time," to insert the words "not less than fourteen days."—(Mr. Chetwynd.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 30, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "punished," in l. 31, stand part of the Clause.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Conant, Major Ramsay ; 29.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Hannan : 156.

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

An Amendment made.


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 42, to leave out from the word "or," to the end of the Clause, and add the words—

"(a) is a person not ordinarily resident in Great Britain who is, under the provisions of any Act in force in any part of His Majesty's dominions outside Great Britain, a national or a citizen of that part within the meaning of that Act, or is a person born or domiciled in any such part of His Majesty's dominions or in a British protectorate, a mandated territory, or any other country or territory being a country or territory under His Majesty's protection or suzerainty ; or

(b) is a person employed in the service of the Government of a part of His Majesty's dominions outside Great Britain, or in the service of the Government of a British protectorate, a mandated territory or some other country or territory which is under His Majesty's protection or suzerainty, being a person whose presence in Great Britain is occasioned solely by his employment in that service; or

(c) is a member of any of the armed forces of the Crown; or

(d) is undergoing training as a cadet at the Royal Military Academy, the Royal Military College, or the Royal Air Force College; or

(e) is a man in holy orders or a regular minister of any religious denomination; or

(f) is the subject of an order or inquisition under the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890 to 1930, or is being detained in pursuance of section twenty-five of the Lunacy Act, 1890, or as a criminal lunatic or in pursuance of an order made under the Criminal Lunatics Act, 1884, or is undergoing treatment as a temporary patient under section five of the Mental Treatment Act, 1930, or is a person placed in an institution or a certified house, or under guardianship, under section three of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, or is the subject of an order under section six, eight, or nine of that Act, or is under supervision provided under paragraph (b) of section thirty of that Act, or is an inmate of a home approved under section fifty of that Act, or is the subject of a notification under subsection (2) of section fifty-one of that Act; or

(g) is certified by a local authority, as defined by the Blind Persons Acts, 1920 and 1938, to be registered as a blind person under arrangements made by the authority under those Acts."—(Mr. Byers.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Modifications of enactments relating to persons called up for service).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 45, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 8 (Transitional provisions).
Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 7, to leave out subsection (2), and insert the words—
"(2) No person who has been entered or enlisted under the National Service Acts before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and is serving in the armed forces of the Crown under those Acts at the commencement of this Act shall be required to continue to serve therein under those Acts for a period longer than the appropriate period in accordance with the Schedule to this Act (Periods of Service for men called up in 1947 and 1948). This subsection shall come into force on the thirtieth day of December nineteen hundred and forty-seven and is serving in the armed forces of the Crown under the National Service Acts after the thirty-first day of December nineteen hundred and forty-six and before the commencement of this Act shall be required to serve therein under those Acts for a period longer than the appropriate period in accordance with the Schedule to this Act (Periods of Service for men called up in 1947 and 1948). This subsection shall come into force on the passing of this Act."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Paragraph proposed, That the words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 9 agreed to.
Clause No. 10 (Further education during whole-time service).
Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 2, to leave out the words "so far as may be practicable," and insert the words "as may be determined in consultation with the Minister of Education and in association with national organisations interested in adult education."—(Colonel Wigg.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 11 (Information to be furnished by education authorities).
Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 14, after the word "about," to insert the words "the educational attainments of."—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 18, after the word "of," to insert the words "subsection (2) of section ten."—(Mr. Charles Williams.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 12 agreed to.
Clause No. 13 (Rights of employees called up for training).
Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 38, at the end, to insert the words—
"(2) For the purposes of any agreement relating to holidays with pay, the period during which employees are called up for training shall not be deemed a holiday."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

An Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 14 (Early registration and calling up).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 5, to leave out the words "be allowed to," and insert the words "if he so desires."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 13, at the end, to add the words "Provided that he shall be called up not later than three months from the date of registration."—(Mr. Herbert Hughes.)

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

To report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Alexander.)

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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd 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, as applied by subsection (2) of Section 1 of the Government of Burma (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1945, praying that the Government of Burma (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1947, 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, as applied by subsection (2) of Section 1 of the Government of Burma (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1945, praying that the Government of Burma (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1947, 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.

Mr. Joseph Henderson reported from the Committee on Town and Country Planning (Money) (No. 2), a Resolution which was read, as follows:—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision for planning the development and use of land
is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the following expenditure:

(1) Any increase in the compensation payable by the Crown under any Act which is attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session—
   (a) amending the law relating to the compensation payable in respect of a compulsory acquisition of land;
   (b) repealing enactments providing for the assessment of compensation, other than compensation for the compulsory acquisition of land, in accordance with the provisions of section fifty-seven of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1944, including any increase which is attributable as aforesaid in the sums payable into the Road Fund out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of expenses of the Minister of Transport;
   (2) Any sums required by any Minister for making contributions to local authorities towards compensation paid by them in respect of decisions or orders under the said Act of the present Session, being decisions or orders given or made wholly or partly in the interests of a public service, the cost of which is defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament;
   (3) Any sums required by the Minister of Town and Country Planning for the payment of grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by those authorities in taking any action under the provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to the discontinuance of uses of land or the alteration or removal of buildings or works;

and the charging on and issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of any expenses incurred in connection with the repayment of stock issued under the said Act.

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

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the Consolidation of Acts, 1929, and the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords], 8th April last communicating the Bill, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(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.

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords], 1st day of this instant May relating to the appointment of a Committee on the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Six Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir William Darling, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Gilzean, Mr. Janner, Mr. Paton and Mr. Timmons.

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

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

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 that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

Bletchley, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant May, 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 Urban District of Castleford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant May, 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 Borough of Cloethorpes, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant May, 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 Newport, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant May, 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 Urban District of Wellingborough, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant May, 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 Borough of Lydd, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant May, 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 Borough of Cleethorpes, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant May, 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 Borough of Stafford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant May, be approved. (Mr. Secretary Ede.)

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

Mr. Bevan, 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) Hereford County Council.
(2) Malvern Urban District Council.

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 Bills affecting any charity or educational foundation),—Report by him on the Nazeing Wood or Park Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Diamond reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Industrial Organisation 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.

Mr. Thomas Brooks reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at Eleven of the clock.

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 Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Simons,
Mr. Popplewell :

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Drews,
Major Conant :

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Committee C, the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:

(1) Hereford County Council.
(2) Malvern Urban District Council.

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

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 24, at the end, to insert the words—

"Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act male British subjects called up for service by virtue of this Act, who declares himself to be a conscientious objector, shall not be sentenced to suffer penalties imposed by or under the National Service Acts, 1939 to 1946, on more than one occasion; and shall, thereafter, be discharged from any liability to further service under this Act."—(Mr. James Hudson.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 28, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act male British subjects called up for service in the year nineteen hundred and forty-five or the year nineteen hundred and forty-six shall be released after a period not exceeding two-and-a-half years.

This subsection shall come into force on the passing of this Act."—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 17 and 18 agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Laying of Orders in Council and regulations before Parliament).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 18, to leave out from the word "shall," to the end of the subsection, and insert the words "be of no effect unless they are approved by resolution of each House of Parliament."—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the ——Mr. Hannan—Yea.

Yea, (Mr. Daines : Mr. Studholme : Thorp :)

Tellers for the ——Mr. Yates : Mr. Scollan :)

Noes, 

Noes (Mr. Yates,)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 20 agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Interpretation).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 26, to leave out the word "but," in l. 21, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the ——Mr. Simmons—Yea.

Yea, (Mr. Popplewell :)

Tellers for the ——Mr. Yates, : Mr. Scollan :)

Noes, 

Noes, (Mr. Yates,)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 22 agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the City of Gloucester).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 20, to leave out the word "fifty-four," and insert the word "fifty-one."—(Mr. Yates.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the ——Mr. Simmons, ——Yea.

Yea, (Mr. Popplewell :)

Tellers for the ——Mr. Yates, : Mr. Scollan :)

Noes, 

Noes, (Mr. Yates,)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 25 agreed to.

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

A Clause (Termination of power to make up civil remuneration)—(Mr. Bevan)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Safeguarding of employment)—(Mr. Isaacs)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

To report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

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

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

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

[No. 101.]

Friday, 9th May, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bevan presented a Bill to confirm a Ministry of Health Bill. And the same was read the first time.

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

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

Mr. 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 I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

(1) the Rural District of Clowne,
(2) the Borough of Colchester,
(3) the County Borough of Derby,
(4) the County Borough of Doncaster,
(5) the City of Gloucester, and
(6) the Urban District of Northallerton.

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, dated 2nd May 1947, entitled the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 2nd May 1947, entitled the Hill Sheep Scheme Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. John Hynd presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant to amend the Royal Warrant of the 12th day of April 1946, 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.

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 1946.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Viscount Knollys to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Chairman of Ways and Means appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates,—(Mr. Frederick Willey.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Service Bill.
[No. 102.]

Monday, 12th May, 1947.

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

P R A Y E R S.

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 Bradford, (2) the County Borough of Hastings, (3) the City of New Sarum, (4) the Borough of Newport (Isle of Wight), (5) the City of St. Albans, and (6) the Urban District of Sandown-Shanklin. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th April 1947, making further provision for the government, discipline and pay of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 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 2nd May 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 6) Order, 1947. 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 Sevenoaks 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. Isaccs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 6th May 1947, entitled—
(1) the Essential Work (Recall to National Service) (Revocation) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Essential Work (Recall to National Fire Service) (Revocation) Order, 1947. 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 8th May 1947, entitled the Control of Agar (No. 3) (Revocation) Order, 1947. 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 7th May 1947, entitled—
(1) the Bacon (Control and Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947, (2) the Chocolate, Sugar Confectionery and Cocoa Products (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1947, and
(3) the Soya Flour (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947. 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 to provide that certain private enclosures in the borough of Hove shall become public pleasure grounds, to confer further powers upon the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of that borough, to make further and better provision for the health local government and improvement of the borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Six Lords to be joined with a Committee of the Commons as a Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills and Bills for re-enacting the provisions of an existing Statute, and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of Members to join with the said Lords.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords] do meet in Committee Room A on Thursday the 5th day of June next at Eleven o'clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords Message as relates to the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords]. Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.—[Mr. Whiteley.] Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith; and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

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

Captain Snow and Mr. Emrys Roberts, the Tellers in the Yea Division Lobby, in the Division of the 7th day of this instant May on the Question, That the word "twelve" be there inserted, came to the Table and stated that they had erroneously reported the number of the Yeas as 368 instead of 358, which was the correct number.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker directed the Clerk to correct the number in the Journal accordingly.—Yeas 358, Noes 17.
Ernest Fernyhough, Esquire, Member for the County of Durham (Jarrow Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Town and Country Planning Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for Two hours after Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, assuring His Majesty, on the occasion of his return from the Union of South Africa, of the loyal and affectionate welcome of this House to His Majesty, to Her Majesty the Queen and to Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Elizabeth and the Princess Margaret.—(The Prime Minister.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Town and Country Planning Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of Clauses Nos. 47 to 49; and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 24, p. 27, l. 43, Clause No. 26, p. 32, l. 20, Clause No. 42, p. 46, l. 17 and l. 42, Clause No. 50, p. 56, l. 9, Clause No. 59, p. 63, l. 34, Clause No. 62, p. 66, l. 15, l. 25 and l. 42, Clause No. 73, p. 79, l. 15 and l. 31, and p. 80, l. 5, Clause No. 84, p. 97, l. 18, l. 24 and l. 26, Clause No. 85, p. 98, l. 18, l. 23, l. 25, l. 28, l. 33 and l. 34, and p. 99, l. 5 and l. 11, Clause No. 104, p. 105, l. 33, l. 34 and l. 37, Clause No. 105, p. 106, l. 35, p. 107, l. 16, and p. 108, l. 19; in respect of the new Clauses (Abolition of the 1939 standard for compensation on compulsory acquisition), (Compensation for compulsory acquisition after the appointed day), (Temporary provisions for eliminating special value attributable to vacant possession), (Compensation for compulsory acquisition of land attracting converted value payments), (Compensation for compulsory acquisition of requisitioned land), (Compensation for compulsory acquisition after passing of this Act and before the appointed day) and (Power of Ministers to contribute towards compensation paid by local authorities); in respect of the Amendments to the Third Schedule, p. 116, l. 41, the Fourth Schedule, p. 117, l. 33, and p. 118, l. 18, the Seventh Schedule, p. 125, l. 21 and l. 30, and the Eighth Schedule, p. 132, l. 24; and in respect of the new Schedule (Modifications of Part II of Town and Country Planning Act, 1944) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Silkin; and of the Amendments to Clause No. 5, p. 5, l. 44, Clause No. 20, p. 21, l. 42, Clause No. 46, p. 52, l. 31, Clause No. 51, p. 57, l. 20, Clause No. 69, p. 74, l. 20, and Clause No. 86, p. 93, l. 11; and of the new Clause (Agreement under previous Acts) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. William Morrison—(Mr. William Morrison.)

And this Question, so amended, being proposed, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of Clauses Nos. 47 to 49; and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 24, p. 27, l. 43, Clause No. 26, p. 32, l. 29, Clause No. 42, p. 40, l. 17 and l. 42, Clause No. 50, p. 56, l. 9, Clause No. 59, p. 63, l. 34, Clause No. 62, p. 66, l. 15, l. 25 and l. 42, Clause No. 73, p. 79, l. 15 and l. 31, and p. 80, l. 5, Clause No. 84, p. 91, l. 18, l. 24 and l. 26, Clause No. 86, p. 93, l. 3, Clause No. 87, p. 93, l. 28, Clause No. 90, p. 95, l. 40, l. 42 and l. 44, and p. 96, l. 2, Clause No. 93, p. 98, l. 18, l. 23, l. 25, l. 28, l. 33, l. 34, and p. 99, l. 5 and l. 11, Clause No. 104, p. 105, l. 33, l. 34 and l. 37, Clause No. 105, p. 106, l. 35, p. 107, l. 16, and p. 108, l. 19; in respect of the new Clauses (Abolition of the 1939 standard for compensation on compulsory acquisition), (Compensation for compulsory acquisition after the appointed day), (Temporary provisions for eliminating special value attributable to vacant possession), (Compensation for compulsory acquisition of land attracting converted value payments), (Compensation for compulsory acquisition of requisitioned land), (Compensation for compulsory acquisition after passing of this Act and before the appointed day) and (Power of Ministers to contribute towards compensation paid by local authorities); in respect of the Amendments to the Third Schedule, p. 116, l. 41, the Fourth Schedule, p. 117, l. 33, and p. 118, l. 18, the Seventh Schedule, p. 125, l. 21 and l. 30, and the Eighth Schedule, p. 132, l. 24; and in respect of the new Schedule (Modifications of Part II of Town and Country Planning Act, 1944) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Silkin; and of the Amendments to Clause No. 5, p. 5, l. 44, Clause No. 20, p. 21, l. 42, Clause No. 46, p. 52, l. 31, Clause No. 51, p. 57, l. 20, Clause No. 69, p. 74, l. 20, and Clause No. 86, p. 93, l. 11; and of the new Clause (Agreement under previous Acts) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. William Morrison.

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. 5 (Surveys of planning areas and preparation of development plans) Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 44, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) An owner of any land designated as subject to compulsory acquisition as aforesaid may at any time after approval of such designation by the Minister give notice in writing to the council of the county or any county borough or county district in which the land is situated requiring that the council shall be deemed to be authorised to acquire the interest of the owner compulsorily in accordance with the provisions of Part IV of this Act and shall, in full compliance with the said notice, act in accordance with the provisions of Part IV of this Act and have served a notice to treat in respect thereof upon the date of the service of the said notice, and the..."
power conferred by subsection (2) of
section five of the Acquisition of Land
(Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919,
to withdraw a notice to treat shall not be
exercisable in the case of a notice to treat
which is deemed to have been served by
virtue of this subsection."—(Mr. Walker-
Smith.)

Question put, That those words be there
inserted.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Drewe, 
Yea, Major Ramsay : ] 82.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, 
Noes, Mr. Joseph Henderson : ] 226.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Supplementary provisions as
to revocation and modification).
Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 42, at the
end, to insert the words "and any consequential
loss or damage sustained by him by reason
of the revocation or modification of the
permission."—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth).

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted.—Amendment by leave, with-
drawn.
Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 24, 26 and 42 amended, and
agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 47 to 49 disagreed to.
Clause No. 50 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 51 (Payments for depreciation of
land values).
Amendment proposed, in p. 57, l. 20, at the
end, to insert the words—
"(d) for including in claims made under this
Part of this Act the costs reasonably incurred by the claimant in relation to the
preparation and making of such claims,
provided that no payment shall be made
in respect of costs in a case in which it is
ultimately decided that the development
rights are of no value."—(Mr. Gammans).

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

Clauses Nos. 59 and 62 amended, and
agreed to.
Clause No. 69 (Existing development contra-
vening previous planning control).
Amendment proposed, in p. 74, l. 20, at the
end, to insert the words—
"(c) where the works were carried out or the
use begun, either by or on behalf of the
Crown or of a local authority, or by the
direction of the Crown or of a local
authority, any person who carries out any
works in compliance with an enforcement
notice in respect thereto shall be entitled,
on a claim made to the local planning
authority within the time and in the
manner prescribed by regulations under
this Act, to recover from the local planning
authority compensation in respect of any
expenses reasonably incurred by him in
that behalf."—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

Question put, That those words be there
inserted.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Drewe, 
Yea, Major Conant : ] 98.
Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, 
Noes, Mr. Hannan : ] 257.
Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 73, 84, 86, 87, 90, 93, 104 and
105 amended, and agreed to.
A Clause (Abolition of the 1939 standard for
compensation on compulsory acquisition)—
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up,
and read the first and second time.
Amendment proposed, to leave out l. 5, and
insert the words "seventh day of January,
nineteen hundred and forty-seven."—(Mr. 
Manningham-Buller).

Question put, That the words proposed to be
left out stand part of the proposed Clause.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Captain Snow, 
Tellers for the [Commander Anew, 
Noes, Mr. Studholme : ] 99.
Another Amendment proposed in l. 7, to
leave out from the word " have," to the word
"effect," in l. 8.—(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.

Another Clause (Compensation for compul-
sory acquisition after the appointed day)—
(Mr. Silkin)—brought up, and read the first
and second time.
Amendment proposed in l. 12, to leave out
from the word " development," to the end of
l. 15.—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 33, at the
end, to add the words—
" (4) In ascertaining the value of any interest
in land designated as land subject to compul-
sory acquisition it shall be assumed for the
purpose of number two of the Rules in section
two of the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of
Compensation) Act, 1919, that the land has
not been so designated."—(Mr. William
Morrison).

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

Another Clause (Temporary provisions for
eliminating special value attributable to vacant
possession)—(Mr. Silkin)—brought up, and
read the first and second time.
Amendment proposed, in l. 6, after the
word " section," to insert the words " or the
interest to be acquired is the interest of an
owner-occupier of a building within the mean-
ing of this section."—(Mr. William
Morrison.)

Question put, That those words be there
inserted.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Tuesday, 13th May, 1947:

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, 
Tellers for the [Mr. Michael Stewart, 
Noes, Mr. Simmons : ] 192.
Clause added.

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 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.

National Service
Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National Service Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sunday
Cinematograph
Entertainments

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Stafford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 8th day of this instant May, be approved—(Mr. Oliver.)

Sunday
Cinematograph
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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 Lydd, a copy of which Order was presented on the 8th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Sunday
Cinematograph
Entertainments

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Cheltenham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 8th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Sunday
Cinematograph
Entertainments

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Hailsham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 8th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

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Cinematograph
Entertainments

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Seaford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 8th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

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Cinematograph
Entertainments

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the City of Bristol, a copy of which Order was presented on the 8th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Supplies and
Services
(Transitional
Powers) (Cotton
Industry).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 78) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 480), dated 17th March 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 24th day of March last be annulled—(Mr. Errol) — It passed in the Negative.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 103.]

Tuesday, 13th May, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consider— Helston and tion the Helston and Portheleven Water Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Silk Duties directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th May 1947, entitled the Silk Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the direc— Factories of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th May 1947, entitled the Factories (Luminising) Special Regulations, 1947.


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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 9th May 1947, entitled—

1. The New Potatoes (1947 Crop) (No. 1) Amendment Order, 1947, and
2. The Preserves (Amendment No. 10) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that as Mr. Speaker's Speaker he had received an invitation to Luncheon with the Lord Mayor on Thursday next, on the occasion of the visit of Their Majesties to the Mansion House; also an invitation from the Lord High Commissioner of the Church of Scotland, to stay at Holyrood and to be present at a Session of the Church Assembly on the 22nd and the 23rd days of May, and he had therefore to ask the indulgence and leave of the House so to absent himself.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Standing Orders, which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Cumberland County Council (Water, &c.) [Lords], Petition for Bill, the County Council (Water, &c.) (Luminising) Powers) (Transitional Powers) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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Mr. Thomas Brooks reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the London Passenger-Transport Board Bill, and found them 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 Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company to construct new waterworks and to raise additional capital; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Viscount Knollys to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee C appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates, if his Lordship think fit.

The Tendring Hundred Water and Gas Bill [Lords.] was brought up, and read the first time.

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

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Town and Country Planning Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for Two hours after Ten of the clock. (Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Town and Country Planning (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Compensation for compulsory acquisition of land attracting converted value payments)—(Mr. Silkin)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Compensation for compulsory purchase of requisitioned land)—(Mr. Silkin)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Compensation for compulsory acquisition after passing of this Act and before the appointed day)—(Mr. Silkin)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed in l. 20, to leave out from the word " aforesaid," to the end of the subsection.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tweed).

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

Another Clause (Power of Ministers to contribute towards compensation paid by local authorities)—(Mr. Fred Marshall)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Agreement under previous Acts)—(Mr. William Morrison)—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.

A Schedule (Modifications of Part II of Town and Country Planning Act, 1944)—(Mr. Silkin)—brought up, and read the first and second time and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Touche reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments and added seven Clauses and 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 (Validity and date of operation of development plans)—(Mr. Silkin); 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. 13, by inserting, after the word " be," the words " or by an order of the Minister or of the Central Land Board under this Act."—(Mr. William Morrison.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Clause:

The said proposed Amendment to the proposed Clause was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Land subject to claims for betterment under other Acts)—(Mr. Silkin)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Saving for Postmaster General)—(Mr. Silkin)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Report by Central Land Board on development values)—(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:

Tellers for the Mr. Drewe, Yeas, Commander Agnew: 109.
Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson, Nos, Mr. Hannan: 281.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provisions as to building land)—(Mr. Walker-Smith); 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. Conant ;
Mr. Studholme ;
Mr. Collindridge ;
Mr. Joseph Henderson ;

Tellers for the 
Mr. Drewe,
Mr. Studholme ;
Mr. Simmons,
Mr. Popplewell ;

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278.

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. 39, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(2) The report made for any year under subsection (6) of the last foregoing section shall set out any direction given by the Minister to the Board during that year unless the Minister has notified to the Board his opinion that it is against the national interest so to do."—(Mr. Silkin.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words to 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 shall include a statement of the total amount by which sums paid or secured by way of development charges under Part VI of this Act are less than the amounts to be assessed under subsection (2) of section sixty-three of this Act in relation to those operations or uses in respect of the carrying out or institution of which the said charges were paid or secured."—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

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

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 1, by leaving out the word "two," and inserting the word "one"—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth),—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. 9, by leaving out from the word "subsection," to the end of the proposed Amendment.—-(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

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.

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. 5, l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

" Provided that in the case of land which is designated as land subject to compulsory acquisition there shall be submitted to the Minister together with the development plan an estimate of the expenditure to be incurred in the acquisition thereof."—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill ;—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. 5, l. 23, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(b) the Minister shall not approve a development plan which designates any land as subject to compulsory acquisition for the purpose of securing the winning and working of any minerals comprised therein."—(Mr. William Morrison.)

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. 23, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(b) the Minister shall not approve a development plan which designates as subject to compulsory acquisition land for the development of which in accordance with the development plan permission for the working of any minerals comprised therein is granted and in respect of which he is satisfied that such development will be carried out within five years."—(Mr. William Morrison.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill ;
obligation to consult any other authority or person, or to afford any opportunity for further objections or representations or to cause any further local inquiry or other hearing to be held."—(Mr. Attorney General.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Wednesday 14th May, 1947:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

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 Gloucester, a copy of which Order was presented on the 9th day of this instant May, 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 Derby, a copy of which Order was presented on the 9th day of this instant May, 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 Doncaster, a copy of which Order was presented on the 9th day of this instant May, 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 Borough of Colchester, a copy of which Order was presented on the 9th day of this instant May, 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 Urban District of Northallerton, a copy of which Order was presented on the 9th day of this instant May, 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 Rural District of Clowne, a copy of which Order was presented on the 9th day of this instant May, be approved.

—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

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

(Mr. Pearson) —And a Debate arising thereupon;
And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Tuesday evening and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.
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 7th day of this instant May relative to Burma (Temporary Provisions), had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the Government of Burma (Temporary Provisions) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 12th day of this instant May relative to His Majesty's return from the Union of South Africa, had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I thank you sincerely for your Address and for your loyal and affectionate greetings on the return of the Queen, my Daughters and Myself from our journey in the course of which we have visited the Union of South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Basutoland, Bechuanaland, Swaziland and St. Helena.

We shall always remember the wonderful and inspiring welcome which we received, and the warmth of the greetings which were extended from all parts of the Commonwealth to our beloved Daughter Elizabeth on the occasion of her twenty-first birthday.

We have been greatly touched by the reception which we have received on our return to this country.

Mr. Barnes presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Brighton Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Act, 1938, relating to Brighton 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 Mexborough and Swinton Traction Company's 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. Bevan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells: 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. Glencoul Hall presented, pursuant to the Land Registry, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Payments in respect of Land Registry for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947. Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of a Scheme, dated 12th May 1947, entitled the Hill Cattle (Scotland) Scheme. 

Copy of an Order, dated 12th May 1947, entitled the Hill Cattle Subsidy Payment (Scotland) Order, 1947;

Copy of an Order, dated 9th May 1947, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries (Scotland) Order, 1947.

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 King's College, Cambridge, on the 17th day of February 1947, amending the Statutes of the College.

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 Richmond (Surrey) 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. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th May 1947, entitled the Pickles and Sauces Order, 1947.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Felixstowe Pier Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations of the Felixstowe Pier Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations of the London County Council (Money) Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to 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 Luton Corporation 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 Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council 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 contained in the Preamble of the London Midland & Scottish Railway Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to confer further powers upon the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Traction Company; 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. Thomas Brooks reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the London County Council (General Powers) 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 thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Group F of Private Bills; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the London Midland & Scottish Railway 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 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 be read the third time.

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 Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Southern Act to confirm the diversion and stopping up of certain footpaths and the purchase of certain lands by the Southern Railway Company; to extend the time for the completion of certain works and the compulsory purchase of certain lands; to confer further powers on the Company; to confer further powers on the East Kent Light Railway Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Southern Railway Bill [Lords], was read the first time.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed, which, yesterday, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Town and Country Planning Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and re-committal;

Which Amendment was, in p. 9, l. 5, to insert at the end thereof, the words—

"(3) If as the result of any objections or representations considered, or local inquiry or other hearing held, in connection with a development plan or proposals for amendment of such a plan submitted to or prepared by the Minister under this Part of this Act, the Minister is of opinion that the local planning authority or any other authority or person ought to be consulted before he decides whether to approve or make the plan either with or without modifications, or to amend the plan, as the case may be, he shall consult that authority or person, but shall not be under any obligation to consult any other authority or person, or to afford any opportunity for further objections or representations or to cause any further local inquiry or other hearing to be held."

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill —

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

The House divided.

The Yeas and Noes were called for.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Pearson,

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmons, Commander Agnew, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp:

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122.

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. 10, l. 4, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—
"(c) the carrying out by any local authority or statutory undertakers of any works for the purpose of inspecting, repairing or renewing any sewers, mains, pipes, cables or other apparatus, including the breaking open of any street or other land for that purpose."—(Mr. Silkin.)
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. 3, by inserting after the word "of," the words "laying down."—(Mr. Gage.)
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment.—It passed in the Negative.
And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—
"(f) the temporary use of land and the erection of moveable structures thereon by a person who is the proprietor of a travelling circus, roundabout, amusement fair, stall or store (not being a pedlar, hawker or costermonger) for the purpose of his business."—(Mr. Long.)
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 [Major Ramsay,]
Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge, Yeas, Mr. Popplewell :]
Noes, [Mr. Studholme, Mr. Thorp] : 260.
So it passed in the Negative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "buildings," the words "other than agricultural buildings as defined in section two of the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Act, 1928."—(Mr. Thornton-Kemsley.)
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. 13, l. 2, by leaving out from the word "prescribing," to the second word "the."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)
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 [Captain Snow, Yeas, Mr. Popplewell :]
Noes, [Mr. Studholme, Mr. Thorp] : 297.
And it being after half-past Nine of the Questions put, the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order made upon the 3rd day of March last, successively to put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill to be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.
Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of the 14th day of this instant May as relates to the appointment of a Committee on all Consolidation Bills and all Bills for re-enacting in the form in which they apply to Scotland the provisions of an existing Statute be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)
The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords Message.
Ordered, That a Select Committee of Six Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider all Consolidation Bills and all Bills for re-enacting in the form in which they apply to Scotland the provisions of an existing Statute.
The Committee was accordingly nominated of:—Lieutenant-Commander Hutchison, Mr. McKinlay, Mr. Muir, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. James Reid and Mr. John Williams.
Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)
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 that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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 Sandown-Shanklin, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant May, 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 Borough of Newport (Isle of Wight), a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant May, 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 Borough of Hastings, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant May, 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 City of New Sarum, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant May, 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 City of Bradford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant May, 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 City of St. Albans, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant May, 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 City of St. Albans, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant May, 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 City of St. Albans, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor);—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Wednesday evening and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[No. 105.]

Thursday, 15th May, 1947.

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

The Clerk, at the Table, informed the Mr. Speaker's House of the absence of Mr. Speaker at the commencement of this day's Sitting; Whereupon Major Minner, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Prayers. Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

A Bill to empower the London County Council to execute street and other works and acquire lands in the Metropolitan borough of Hammersmith; 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 Commissioners for the Newhaven and Seaford Sea Defence Works; to extend their powers for the construction repair and protection of sea defence works; to make further and better provision for their finances; and for other purposes, was presented and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of the Seventeenth Annual Report of the National Trust and the Radium Commission, 1945-46.

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 12th May 1947, entitled the Woven Non-Wool Cloth (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 6) Directions, 1947.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th May 1947, entitled the National Health Service (Executive Councils) Regulations, 1947.
Copy of the Registrar-General’s Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1938 and 1939 [New Annual Series, Nos. 18 and 19].

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th May 1947, entitled the Tea (Prices) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Revocation, dated 14th May 1947, of General Licence (Restriction of Heating) No. 1.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills, That, they had examined the allegations and had gone through the Bill, and found the same 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords to the National Health Service (Scotland) Bill with Amendments.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to the National Health Service (Scotland) Bill with Amendments, without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the National Service Bill 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 and the Noes were called by the Chairman of Ways and Means, and the result was:—Yea, 223; Noes, 112. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)


Class II.

Vote 1. Foreign Office.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £2,066,864, 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 1948, 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.

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

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.

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.

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

(In the Committee.)

First Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 21, after the word “absent,” to insert the words “without leave of”.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Question put, and negatived.

Other Amendments made.

Second Schedule agreed to.

Third Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words “and for the word ‘third’ there shall be substituted the word ‘thirtieth’.”—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words "and after subsection (4) there shall be added the following words:—"

"(5) Any person upon whom an enlistment notice is served, may if he disputes his liability following words:

after subsection (4) there shall be added the jurisdiction has held him to be so liable."

(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words:—

"In section eighteen for the words 'by post addressed to that person at his last known address' there shall be substituted the words 'by registered post to that person in a prepaid registered letter addressed to him at his last or usual place of abode, and the service shall be deemed to have been effected at the time at which the letter containing the notice would be delivered in the ordinary course of post, provided that, notwithstanding that a notice has been sent by post in manner authorised by this section, service shall be deemed not to have been effected unless either—"

(a) the person complies with the requirements of the notice, or

(b) it is proved to the satisfaction of any authorised tribunal that the notice came to the knowledge of the person to whom it was addressed.

For the purpose of the aforesaid alternative (b) the production of a letter or other communication which purports to be written by or on behalf of the person to whom the notice was addressed shall be prima facie evidence that the notice came to his knowledge."

(Mr. Janner.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Question proposed, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Third Schedule to the Bill.

Friday, 16th May, 1947:

Question put, and agreed to.

Fourth Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 6, to leave out the words "be selected by the Minister."—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Fifth Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be printed.

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

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

Bill 81.


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

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being after Four of the clock on Thursday afternoon:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker at twenty-eight minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, without a Question first put, till this day.
Ordered, That Mr. Lever be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts; and that Mr. McAdam be added to the Committee. (Mr. Michael Stewart.)

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

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

[No. 107.]
Monday, 19th May, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust 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 Nottingham Corporation Bill, 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 an Order, dated 16th May 1947, entitled—
(1) the Cereals and Cereal Products (Licensing and Control) (Dealing Abroad) (Revocation) Order, 1947.
(2) the Potatoes (1946 Crop) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 8) Order, 1947, and,
(3) the Canned Puddings (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947.

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:

Accounts of the Czechoslovak Financial Claims Fund and of the Czechoslovak Refugee Fund 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. No. 99.

The Order of the day being read for the Finance Bill. Second Reading of the Finance 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 Yeas, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Popplewell; 274. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Drewe; 128.

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 Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Simmons):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
[No. 108.]

Tuesday, 20th May, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, — Report of 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. —

Tending Hundred Water and Gas Bill [Lords].

Hove Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Preston Corporation Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London County Council (Improvements) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Newhaven and Seafood Sea Defences Bill.

The Newhaven and Seafood Sea Defences Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy 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 Barry,
(2) the County Borough of Bournemouth,
(3) the Urban District of Brierley Hill,
(4) the County Borough of Northampton,
(5) the Borough of Scunthorpe, and
(6) the Rural District of Watford.

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, made by the General Nursing Council for Scotland, providing for a badge for Assistant Nurses.

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 University of Oxford, on the 25th day of February 1947, amending the Statutes of the University.

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 12th May 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Infants' and Girls' Wear) (Amendment) (No. 4) Directions, 1947.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,— Copy of the Report of the Ministry of Health for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, including the Report of the Chief Medical Officer on the State of the Public Health for 1945.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the Road Traffic directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Copy of Regulations, dated 13th May 1947, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations, 1947.


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

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of an Order, dated 13th May 1947, entitled the Control of Rates of Hire of Plant (First Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Wilfrid Paling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of an Order by His Majesty, in amendment of the Order of the 12th day of June 1946, 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 Dependants 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.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of an Order, dated 16th May 1947, entitled the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. McLeavy reported from the Committee Private Bills on Group E of Private Bills, That at the meeting of the Committee this day, a letter was received from Mr. Mainwaring, Chairman of the said Committee, stating that he was unable, on account of sickness, to attend the Committee this day; and that the Committee had therefore adjourned till Tuesday the 3rd day of June next at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Braddock reported from the Select Committee on the Public Offices (Site) Bill,
No. 100.

That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them this day to the House.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Viant reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 23rd and 30th days of April last, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Sir 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 an Appendix: And the Report was brought up, and read, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Timber (Charges) (No. 9) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 748), a copy of which was presented on the 29th day of April last, 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 Hill Sheep Scheme Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 667), a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of April 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 publication and laying of it before Parliament.

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

Message from the Lords.

Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill (Lords).

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the continuation of the River Wear Commissioners and the retirement of certain persons in office as elected members of the River Wear Commissioners and the retirement from office of those persons and the election of new Commissioners in their stead; to make temporary provisions as to the election of new term of office of re-elected members and of a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman of the said Commissioners; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time; and be printed.

Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill (Lords).

The Wear Navigation and Sunderland 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.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Health Service (Scotland) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Town and Country Planning Bill [allotted Day].

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Town and Country Planning Bill:

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Silkin, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Mr. Silkin, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Possessor of the Duchy of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Mr. Silkin, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third 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. William Morrison.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now," stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being half an hour after Nine of the Question put, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order made upon the 3rd day of March last, to put forthwith the Question necessary to bring to a conclusion the proceedings on the Third Reading of the Bill:

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 Captain Snow, Mr. Popplewell; {297.}

Tellers for the Commander Agnew, Mr. Studholme; {126.}

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Health Service (Scotland) Bill; and the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 10, l. 7, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 10, l. 7, leave out ("five") and insert ("seven"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and Special Entry, 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. 17, l. 28, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 17, l. 28, leave out ("services which local health") and insert ("health services which local health
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to paragraph 3 of Standing Order 224 relating to Private Business (Procedure in case of a Public Bill ordered to be examined by Examiners), That in the case of the Wellington Museum Bill [Lords], pending in the Lords, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with.

Ordered; That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order made upon the 9th day of April, 1946, That the Account relative to General Lighthouse Fund, was read and discharged.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the County Council for the Administrative County of Caernarvon and approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in the matter of the Property transferable to the Council under the Welsh Church Acts, 1914 to 1945.

Copy of the One Hundred and Eighth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

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

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th May 1947, making provision for the establishment of Education, Secretarial, Aircraft Control, Catering, Physical Fitness and Provost Branches in His Majesty’s Air Forces.

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 21st May 1947, entitled the Extratidion (Leeward Islands) Order in Council, 1947.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st May 1947, entitled the Northern Rhodesia (Legislative Council—Extension of Duration) Order in Council, 1947.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st May 1947, approving a change in the Constitution of the Army Council.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st May 1947, entitled the Extratidion (Leeward Islands) Order in Council, 1947.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st May 1947, entitled the Northern Rhodesia (Legislative Council—Extension of Duration) Order in Council, 1947.

Copy of Two Orders in Council, dated 21st May 1947, increasing the amounts payable to members of the Naval Forces and Auxiliary Services disabled during the 1939 World War.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st May 1947, entitled the Special Constables Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st May 1947, entitled the Special Constables (Scotland) Order, 1947.

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 Sixthy-fourth Report of the Comptroller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, with Appendices, for 1946.

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 Expenses of Members of Local Authorities.

Mr. Bevan also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Isle of Ely 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. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th May 1947, entitled the Edible Gelatine (Control) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th May 1947, entitled,—

(1) the Coal Mines (Lighting) General Regulations, 1947,

(2) the Coal Mines (Support of Roof and Sides) General Regulations, 1947, and

(3) the Coal Mines (Ventilation) General Regulations, 1947.

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 10th May 1947, relating to documents existing or accruing in the Offices of the National Coal Board.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:
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. Studdholme, Noes, Major Conant;\\}

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the National Service Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Candidates for commissions)—(Mr. Alexander), 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. 1, by leaving out from the beginning, to the word "it," in l. 2, and inserting the words "The service authorities shall make provision for the attainment of commissioned rank either during or immediately upon the expiry of the term of whole time service by persons called up for service under this Act and selected as candidates for commissions in His Majesty's forces and"

(Mr. Pickthorn), instead thereof.

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

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Unconditional registration of conscientious objectors in certain circumstances)—(Mr. Hopkins Morris); 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 (Drills)—Brigadier Head; 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 said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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:


Another Clause was offered to be added to the National Bill (Deferment for apprentices and students) Service Bill,—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter); 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. Alexander 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. Popplewell;\\}
Tellers for the \{Mr. Drew, Noes, Commander Agnew;\\}

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly 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 \{Commander Agnew, Yeas; Major Conant;\\}
Tellers for the \{Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes, Mr. Popplewell;\\}

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Regular engagements)—(Brigadier Prior-Palmer); 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 (Service of notices)—(Brigadier Prior-Palmer); 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 (Relief of conscientious objectors from certain penalties and obligations)—(Mr. Sydney Silverman); 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 (Defenerection for apprentices and students) Service Bill,—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter); 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. Alexander 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. Sydney Silverman, Yeas; Mr. James Hudson;\\}
Tellers for the \{Mr. Collindridge, Noes, Captain Snow;\\}

So it passed in the Negative.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 17, by inserting after the word "Britain," the words "or Northern Ireland."—(Sir Hugh O'Neill.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas divided.

Tellers for the "Yeas"—
Mr. Popham,
Mr. Bate

Tellers for the "Nays"—
Mr. Popplewell,
Mr. Hann

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That those words be there added to the proposed Amendment, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "but in no case later than twenty-eight days."—(Brigadier Prior-Palmer.)

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. 15, l. 5, by inserting after the word "practicable," the words "but in no case later than twenty-eight days."—(Brigadier Prior-Palmer.)

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. 17, l. 18, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and after the said subsection there shall be inserted the following proviso:"

"Provided that an enlistment notice shall not require the person upon whom it is served to present himself on a day earlier than the fourteenth day after the date of the service of the notice or such earlier day as may be determined at his request."—(Mr. Ness Edwards.)

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 if before the expiry of the said fourteenth day that person gives written notice to the Minister that he disputes his liability to be called up under this Act for whole time service, then the Minister shall refer the question in dispute to a referee, and the notice shall not become operative to enter or enlist that person unless a referee selected by the Minister from a panel of persons nominated by the Lord Chancellor, after inquiring into and determining the question in dispute, directs that the notice shall become operative so to do on such date as may be specified in the direction."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added to the proposed Amendment;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

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And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

**Ordered,** That the Bill be read the third time this day.

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

—(Mr. Michael Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
Thursday, 22nd May, 1947.

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

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

Prayers.

Turkish Delegation.

Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr. Speaker had received a telegram from the Turkish Parliamentary Delegation, which he read to the House, as followeth:—

Speaker of the House of Commons, S.W.I.

As we are leaving Britain I want to express our gratitude for the warmth of welcome accorded to us. We believe that this visit has proved very fruitful in the strengthening of friendly relations between the two countries. We are happy to express our thanks and greetings to the British Parliament.

Yelcin.

The Luton Corporation 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 being made, That the Nottingham 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. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st May 1947, entitled the Control of Borrowing Order, 1947.


Account of the National Debt Commissioners, showing the amount issued from the Exchequer and applied in the year ended the 31st day of March 1947 in respect of the Old Sinking Fund and of the New Sinking Fund (1928).


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

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement showing the number of appointments made to the Indian Civil Service, Indian Police and Indian Medical Service (Civil) and the number of vacancies remaining therein.

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

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

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

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th May 1947, entitled the Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Regulations, 1947.

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 21st May 1947, entitled—

(a) the Transfer of Functions (Home-Grown Raw Wool) Order, 1947, and

(b) the Transfer of Functions (Gunbarrel Proof Act) Order, 1947.


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,—

(a) dated 15th May 1947, entitled the Casein Buttons, Buckles and Slides (Manufacturers' Maximum Prices) Order, 1947, and

(b) dated 16th May 1947, entitled the Lino- leum and Printed Felt Base (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Price Control) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th May 1947, Supplies and Services (Rationing (Personal Points)) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Frank Anderson reported from Standing Committee B; That they had gone through the Fire Services Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 3rd day of June next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Bowles reported from Standing Committee E; That they had gone through the Electricity Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 3rd day of June next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee 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. Simons, Mr. Hannan : 246.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Major Conant : 93.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 3rd day of June next.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the National Service Bill;

And a Debate arising thereupon, the word “ now ” stand part of the Question:

(Mr. Clement Davies.)

adding the words “ upon this day six months.”

—(Mr. Clement Davies.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word “ now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “ upon this day six months.”

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Captain Snow : 197.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Major Ramsay : 59.]

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. 4, l. 1, by leaving out subsection (2).—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

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. 4, l. 40, after the word “ businesses,” by inserting the words “ and including representatives of such trade associations or other recognised bodies as appear to the competent authority sufficiently to represent the interests of separate undertakings or of the various trades and business concerned.”

—(Mr. Geoffrey Cooper.)

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. 4, l. 41, by leaving out from the word “ authority,” to the end of the line.—(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.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 19, by leaving out the words “ for the purposes of a census.”—(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. 6, l. 1, 14, by leaving out from the word “ be,” to the end of the paragraph.—(Colonel Grosvenor-Evans.)

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. 7, l. 34, by leaving out subsection (2).—(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. 7, l. 44, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that no such person shall be liable to fine or imprisonment if he shows that he had reasonable ground to believe and did believe that a competent and reliable person was charged with the duty of seeing that the provisions were complied with and was in a position to discharge that duty."—(Mr. Shepherd.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill.—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Robert Hudson):—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 23rd May, 1947:

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

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

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

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 Brierley Hill, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Watford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. III.]

Friday, 23rd May, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

THE Clerk, at the Table, informed the House Mr. Speaker's of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker. Absence.

from this day's sitting:—Whereupon Major Milner, the Chairman of Way and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

A Motion being made, That the Preston Corporation Bill be now read the third time. Preston Corporation Bill.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein:

Mr. Whiteley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into considera- Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire and Derbyshire Traction Bill, as amended in the Committee. Traction Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant Agricultural, to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Agriculture.

Copy of a Scheme, dated 26th May 1947, entitled the Hill Cattle (England and Wales) Scheme, 1947.
Copy of an Order, dated 16th May 1947, entitled the Hill Cattle Scheme Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) Order, 1947.

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 Stalybridge 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. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled Proposed action by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom regarding Recommendation (No. 74) concerning Minimum Standards of Social Policy in Dependent Territories (Supplementary Provisions).

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 19th May 1947, entitled the Control of Bolts, Nuts, Screws, Screw Studs, Washers and Rivets (No. 13) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Glenvil Hall and Mr. Oliver, presented a Bill to make fresh provision with respect to the payment of superannuation allowances and gratuities to or in respect of probation officers and certain former probation officers and to make provision with respect to the payment of such allowances and gratuities to or in respect of clerks appointed to assist probation officers in the performance of their duties: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of June next ; and to be printed.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until seventeen minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 3rd day of June next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Dr. Richard Clitherow, Member for the Borough of Liverpool (Edge Hill 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 Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into, are applicable thereto, viz.:

South Metropolitan Gas Bill [Lords].

Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils (Runcorn-Widnes Bridge, &c.), Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Hove Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Southern Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Tendring Hundred Water and Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

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 Notes exchanged at Paris between Treaty Series (No. 33, 1947).—

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[No. 112.]

Tuesday, 3rd June, 1947.

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 a Member.

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 Notes exchanged at Paris between Treaty Series (No. 33, 1947).


Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 30th April 1947.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Statement of the 3rd day of June 1947 on Indian Policy.

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

Mr. Glentwil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th May 1947, entitled the Regulation of Payments (Brazil) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 6th day of May last, relative to Parliamentary Constituencies (Electors) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) and Local Government Areas (Electors) (England and Wales).

Mr. Secretary Ede also 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 I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—:

(1) the Borough of Kettering,
(2) the Urban District of Market Harborough,
(3) the City of Peterborough,
(4) the Borough of Pontefract,
(5) the Borough of Wokingham, and
(6) the Borough of Yeovil.

Copy of an Order, dated 12th May 1947, entitled the Ryegrass Seed (Control) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 12th May 1947, entitled the Ryegrass Control (Harvesting) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Beein presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Cultural Convention between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Brazil signed at Rio de Janeiro on the 16th day of April 1947 (The Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of a Protocol, signed at New York on the 11th day of December 1946, amending the Agreements, Conventions and Protocols on Narcotic Drugs concluded at The Hague on the 23rd day of January 1912, at Geneva on the 7th day of February 1925, the 19th day of Feb. uary 1925 and the 17th day of July 1931, at Bangkok on the 27th day of November 1931, and at Geneva on the 26th day of June 1936.

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


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Local Government Superannuation. Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the direction 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:

2. Carlisle City Council.

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


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Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food). Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copies of Orders:

2. dated 23rd May 1947, entitled the Hay (Control and Maximum Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1947.
3. dated 23rd May 1947, entitled the Hay (Maximum Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947, and
4. dated 30th May 1947, entitled the Green Onions (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1947.

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

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food Rationing). Copy of an Order, dated 22nd May 1947, entitled the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1947.

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

Gas (Special Orders). Mr. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Swinton United Gas Company.

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 a Report to the Lord Chancellor of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics between the 1st day of October 1946 and the 31st day of March 1947.

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 19th May Supreme Court 1947, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Procedure). (No. 3) 1947.

Mr. Braddock reported from the Select Committee on the Public Offices (Site) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them this day to the House.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence of the Committee do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Thomas Braddock reported from the Select Committee on the Public Offices (Site) Bill, That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the 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 Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to constitute a joint Board comprising representatives of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Boroughs of Heston and Isleworth Southall and Twickenham and the Urban District Councils of Feltham and Sunbury-on-Thames; to authorise the Board to provide and maintain a crematorium; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The South-West Middlesex Crematorium 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)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the

Mr. Michael Stewart, 
Mr. Simmons :
Yea,
125.

Tellers for the

Mr. Studholme, 
Noes,
116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Industrial Organisation Bill, to take into consideration the Industrial Organisation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Ascertainment of activities to be treated as comprised in an industry)—(Mr. Marquand)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 22, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—"and shall not make any such order if it shall appear to him that a large majority of the persons carrying on business in the industry, representing the greater part of the production in that industry, and a large majority of the workers in that industry are opposed to the making of such an order."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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 [Major Conant,]
Yeas, 101.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson,]
Noes, 834.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 22, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—"and the appoint- ments which the Board or the Minister con- cerned proposes to make to the development council as the independent members of such council shall be considered in such consulta- tions."—(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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 20, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—"and there shall be presented to each House of Parliament at the same time as the draft of the order is presented a report by the Board or Minister concerned on the consultations required under subsection (3) of this section."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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. 9, by leaving out from the word "number," to the first word "of," in l. 10.—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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. 3, l. 22, by leaving out subsection (7), and inserting the words—

"(7) A development council order may provide for the payment to all or any of the independent members of the council, or to such other members as shall devote the whole of their time to the work of the council, of such remuneration, and to all the members of the council of such allowances for expenses as may be determined by the Board or Minister concerned, and for the payment on the retirement or death of any members of the council who have devoted the whole of their time to the work of the council and as to whom it may be so determined to make such provision of such pensions and gratuities to them or to others by reference to their service as may be so determined"—(Mr. Lyttelton).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 11, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Nothing in the last foregoing subsection shall authorise or be deemed to authorise a development council to require persons carrying on business in the industry to furnish any information with regard to a manufacturing process which the said persons carrying on a business in the industry claim to be a trade secret without direct authority so to do first having been obtained from the Board or Minister concerned."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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. 12, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"21. Promoting the establishment of machinery for securing more effective con- sultation between managers and administrat- ive, technical and production personnel in matters affecting the better organisation of production and the welfare of persons em- ployed in the industry."—(Mr. Warbey.)

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.

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

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. Collindridge):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 4th June, 1947.

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

**PRAYERS.**

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Traction Bill.

Post Office (Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland).

No. 108.

Mr. Glenuill Hall presented, pursuant to the Standing Order (Contracts to be laid on Table), —Copy of a Memorandum of Agreement, dated 3rd June 1947, between the Minister of Transport and the Postmaster General on behalf of His Majesty's Government and Messrs. David MacBrayne, Limited, for the maintenance of certain transport services in the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, including the conveyance of mails, with copy of a Treasury Minute thereon.

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 an Agreement for the Establishment of a Provisional Maritime Consultative Council, adopted by the United Maritime Consultative Council, signed at Washington on the 30th day of October 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 Rules made by the General Nursing Council for Scotland relating to the election to the Assistant Nurses' Committee of representatives of Assistant Nurses.

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 Reigate 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. Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Buckley Gas Company Limited.

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

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

That in the case of the Wellington Museum Bill [Lords] 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.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Trafalgar Estates Bill, 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.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Simmons)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Stoduloe, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Agriculture 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. 15, p. 12, 44 ; Clause No. 30, p. 31, l. 39 ; Clause No. 45, p. 42, l. 11 ; and Clause No. 59, p. 51, l. 21 and 21 ; and the new Clauses (Power of tenant or landlord to apply for dispossession of owner or occupier under supervision) and (Application of Part IV of Act to councils of county boroughs) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Thomas Williams.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 15, 30, 45 and 59 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Power of tenant or landlord to apply for dispossession of owner or occupier under supervision)—(Mr. Marquand)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Application of Part IV of Act to councils of county boroughs)—(Mr. Thomas Williams)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments to the Bill and added two Clauses thereunto.

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 (Supplementary provisions as to s. 36 and s. 37)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 29, by leaving out the words “appropriate Minister,” and inserting the words “Ministers”—(Lord Willoughby de Eresby)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “appropriate Minister,” stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 13, by leaving out the words “as nearly as may be.”—(Mr. Hurd.)

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. Pearson, Yeas: 235.
Captain Snow: 172.
Tellers for the
Mr. Conant, Noes: 103.
Mr. Ramsay: 82.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 5, by leaving out from the word “land,” to the word “is,” in l. 7, and inserting the words “whether treated by itself or as affecting other land”—(Mr. Flood)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 16, by inserting, after the word “owner,” the words “has been and.”—(Major Mott-Radclyffe.)

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. 7, l. 20, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “and to the rental value of the land having regard to the economic condition of that section of the agricultural industry which comprises produce of the kind produced by the occupier of that land.”—(Mr. Baldwin.)

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. 8, l. 28, by inserting, after the word “satisfied,” the words “on representations by the appropriate County Agricultural Executive Committee appointed under Part V of this Act.”—(Lieutenant-Colonel Clifford-Brewer.)

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. 8, l. 30, by leaving out from the word “to,” to the end of line 10, and inserting the words “order the sale thereof within three months from the date of any certificate or in the event of a sale not being effected by the owner within the said period the Minister shall have power to sell the same on behalf of the owner and shall account to the owner for the proceeds of such sale”—(Mr. Hurd.)—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. Pearson, Yeas: 260.
Mr. Michael Stewart: 260.
Mr. Collindridge: 260.
Mr. Studholme: 260.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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. Michael Stewart, Yeas: 260.
Mr. Collindridge: 260.
Mr. Studholme: 260.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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. Michael Stewart, Yeas: 106.
Mr. Collindridge: 106.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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. Michael Stewart, Yeas: 260.
Mr. Collindridge: 260.
Mr. Studholme: 260.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 10, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(2) Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister in relation to any land to which the foregoing subsection applies or to the owner thereof that the circumstances hereinafter set out prevail, the Minister shall, before exercising the powers conferred by the last foregoing subsection, afford to the persons hereinafter described in relation to each of the said circumstances, the opportunity, if they so elect, of assuming the management of the said land, and if they do so elect, the Minister shall entrust the management thereof to them.

The circumstances and persons hereinafter referred to are—

(a) where the land is settled land within the meaning of the Settled Land Act, 1925, the trustees of the settlement;

(b) where any child of the owner of the age of twenty-one years or over notifies the Minister of his desire to avail himself of the provisions of this subsection such child, or if more than one, children, or where there is no child surviving, to such grandchild or grandchildren being of the age of twenty-one years or over, as shall notify the Minister aforesaid;

(c) where there is no child of the age of twenty-one years or over or, there being no child whether of that age or less, there is no grandchild of the age of twenty-one years or over, to such person as may on application to the Minister for the purpose satisfy the Minister that they are fit and proper persons to be entrusted with the management of the said land for and on behalf of any child who has not obtained the age of twenty-one years, or, if there is no such child, of any grandchild who has not attained the age of twenty-one years.

For the purposes of this subsection a person's stepchild, adopted child (whether adopted in pursuance of any enactment or otherwise) or illegitimate child shall be treated as a child of his."—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks).

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,]
Yeas, Major Ramsay; 86.
Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge,]
Noes, Mr. Simmons; 209.

So it passed in the Negative.

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.

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

(In the Committee.)

Income Tax; Armed Forces of the Crown.

Resolved, That—

(a) the Income Tax (Employments) Act, 1943, shall extend to pay, pensions or other emoluments in respect of service in or with the armed forces of the Crown assessable to income tax under Schedule E;

(b) regulations under subsection (1) of section two of that Act may make such special provision in relation to members of the armed forces of the Crown or women serving in any of the capacities mentioned in the Sixth Schedule to the Finance Act, 1946, as may appear appropriate.—(Mr. Glenvil 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 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. Pearson.)

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

[No. 114.]

Thursday, 5th June, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Felixstowe Pier Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the London County Council (Money) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the London Passenger Transport Board Bill, 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,—Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Animals. Copy of an Order (No. 6855), dated 21st May
water.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st May 1947, entitled the Warminster Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1947, 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.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th May 1947, entitled the Hatfield Town and Country Planning (Special Interim Development) Order, 1947.

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 2nd June 1947, entitled—

(1) the Imported Canned Fruit (Prohibition of Retail Sales) Order, 1947,
(2) the Livestock (Restriction on Slaughter) Order, 1947, and
(3) the Livestock (Restriction on Slaughter) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947.

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 under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Provost Magistrates and Councillors of the Borough of Airdrie.

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 2nd June 1947, entitled the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Amendment Regulations, 1947.

Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd June 1947, entitled the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1947.

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 Conservators of the River Thames for 1946.

Mr. Viant reported from the Select Committee on the House of Commons Members' Fund: That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

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 Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for extinguishing tithes and tithe rates and other payments by way or in lieu of tithes in the City of London; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Sunderland to construct a quay extension and other works; to make further provision with reference to the local government of the borough; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The City of London (Tithes) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Sunderland 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 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. Simmons, Mr. Popplewell; Major Conant, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Popplewell; Major Conant, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Agriculture Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that any person aggrieved by the determination of the Agricultural Land Tribunal on any question of law, may appeal from that determination to the High Court."

(Mr. Joynson-Hicks.)

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. Drews, Major Ramsay; Mr. Pearson, Mr. Hannan;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drews, Major Ramsay; Mr. Pearson, Mr. Hannan:

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. 18, l. 11, by inserting, after the word "may", the words "after giving not less than seven days' notice in writing."—(Colonel Clarke.)

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

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 21, l. 34, by inserting after the word "person," the words "being the owner of the land in question."—(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. 27, l. 14, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that compensation shall not be payable under this section where the landlord has made to the tenant an offer in writing to withdraw the notice to quit and the tenant has unreasonably refused or failed to accept the offer."—(Mr. Baldwin.)

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. 27, l. 30, by leaving out from the word "without," in l. 32, and inserting the words "one years average profit arising from the occupation of the holding as assessed for income tax purposes based on the assessments of the three income tax years immediately preceding the date of quitting the holding and in the event of such assessments covering the occupation of two or more holdings they shall be divided and apportioned for the purposes of this subsection according to the acreage of each such holding and in that case one years average profit as aforesaid shall be taken to be the annual average profit applicable to the holding in which notice has been served."—(Major Wise), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 28, l. 20, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(5) Compensation shall not be payable under this section in the case of a permanent pasture which the landlord has been in the habit of letting annually for seasonal grazing and which has, since the third day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and before the date when this part of this Act comes into operation, been let to a tenant for a definite and limited period for cultivation as arable land, on the condition that the tenant shall, along with the last or waygoing crops, sow permanent seeds."—(Colonel Clarke.)

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. 30, l. 1, by leaving out subsections (3) and (4) and inserting the words—

"(3) Without prejudice to the discretion of the Minister in a case falling within paragraphs (a) to (d) of this subsection, the Minister shall withhold his consent under this section to the operation of a notice to quit unless he is satisfied—

(a) that the carrying out of the purpose for which the landlord proposes to terminate the tenancy is desirable to the interests of efficient farming; or
(b) that the carrying out thereof is otherwise desirable for the purposes of agricultural research, education, experiment or demonstration or for the purposes of the enactments relating to smallholdings or allotments; or
(c) that by reason of the purpose for which the interest of the landlord was held immediately before the creation of the tenancy to which the notice to quit relates, greater hardship would be caused by the Minister's withholding than by his granting his consent to the operation of the notice; or
(d) that the landlord proposes to terminate the tenancy for the purpose of the land being used for a use, other than for agriculture, not falling within paragraph (c) of the last foregoing subsection:

Provided that in the case of a tenancy created after the commencement of this Part of this Act paragraph (c) of this subsection shall not have effect in relation to the termination of the tenancy unless it is so provided by a written contract of tenancy, specifying the purpose referred to in that paragraph"—(Mr. Thomas Williams), 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 those words be there inserted in the Bill:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in l. 10, by inserting after the word "farming," the words "of the land comprised in the holding for which notice has been served."—(Mr. Alpass.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

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. 34, l. 44, by leaving out from the word "otherwise," to the word "or," in line 46.—(Mr. Marquand.)

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 another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 37, l. 11, by leaving out the words "whether created before or," and inserting the word "created"—(Mr. York), 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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 37, l. 17, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "within the period of two months from the making of such request."—(Mr. York.)

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. 37, l. 21, by inserting, after the first word "the," the words "character and situation and other relevant."—(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. 37, l. 29, by inserting, after the word "such," in l. 28, and inserting the word "no"—(Mr. York), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 37, l. 9, by inserting, after the first word "the," the words "a form which shall conform to the best commercial standards and shall show separately the results of any farming operations carried on during that year by the Commissioner and of the discharge by them during that year of their functions as owners of land."—(Sir Thomas Dugdale.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 56, l. 34, by inserting, after the word " given," the words "to persons who, having served in the armed forces of the Crown, are qualified by agricultural training and experience in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subsection and."—(Sir Ian Fraser.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 56, l. 33, by inserting, after the word "committee," the words "shall appoint an Estate Management Subcommittee and."—(Mr. Vane.)

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. 57, l. 11, by inserting, after the word "may," the words "shall not"—(Mr. Solicitor General), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "may," 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. 59, l. 21, by leaving out from the word "that," to the word "such," in l. 22, and inserting the word "no"—(Mr. York), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 56, l. 31, by leaving out paragraph (a).—(Sir Thomas Dugdale.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the
Mr. Michael Stewart: 202.
Major Ramsay,
Lieutenant-Colonel
Thorp:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 57, l. 31, by leaving out Clause 92.—(Captain Croydkush.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "the," in l. 33, 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. 78, l. 44, by leaving out the word "may," and inserting the words "shall not"—(Mr. Solicitor General), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "the," in l. 33, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 6th June, 1947:
And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

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. 84, l. 18, by inserting, after the word "may," the words "(c) to land designated as land subject to compulsory acquisition under any public general or local Act."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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. 85, l. 18, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—
The Education (Exemptions) (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Yeovil, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, That the said Papers 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 2nd June 1947, entitled the Candles (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Dugdale 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 1948.

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 Pontefract, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

And according to the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes before Three of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Government, a copy of a Statement, showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of April 1947, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Resolved, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table:

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes before Three of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd June 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 3) Order, 1947.

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

Resolved, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table:

Mr. Vane, in reply to the Question what is the purpose of the Bill, said that the Bill was introduced to remove an anomaly in the law and to prevent the difficulty that had arisen in the Borough of Pontefract.

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 Kettering, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, 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 June 1947, entitled the Cereal Breakfast Foods (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede 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 1948.

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

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to Goods and Services (Price Control).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.
Private Bills (Group E). Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at Eleven of the clock.

The Companies Bill [Lords] 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 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 companies and unit trusts and to dealing in securities and the law relating to the registration of business names into conformity in certain respects with the law relating to companies as so amended, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade by virtue of the Act:

and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any fees payable or fines imposed by virtue of the Act.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

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.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Notice was given this day that, Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Education (Exemptions) (Scotland) Bill was a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill would be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.
**Local Government Superannuation.**

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Morecambe and Heysham 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.

**Armed Forces Income Tax : Ways and Means (Report).**

[4th June]

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

(1) dated 3rd June 1947, entitled the Soft Fruit Order, 1947, and

(2) dated 4th June 1947, entitled the Cheese (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.

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

**Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food).**

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Agriculture Bill ;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. Thomas Williams, 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.

**Agriculture Bill.**

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Penicillin 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,

Then the Bill was read a second time ;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 4th day of this instant June, a Resolution ; which was read, as followeth :—

**Income Tax ; Armed Forces of the Crown.**

That,—

(a) the Income Tax (Employments) Act, 1943, shall extend to pay, pensions or other emoluments in respect of service in or with the armed forces of the Crown assessable to income tax under Schedule E ;

(b) regulations under subsection (1) of section two of that Act may make such special provision in relation to members of the armed forces of the Crown or women serving in any of the capacities mentioned in the Sixth Schedule to the Finance Act, 1946, as may appear appropriate.

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Finance Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.—(Mr. Glennis Hall.)

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

[Mr. Robert Taylor] :—And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

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**Standing Committee.**

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Companies Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Butcher Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Companies Bill [Lords].

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**Tuesday, 10th June, 1947.**

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

**P R A Y E R S.**

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills 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. :—

South-West Middlesex Crematorium Bill [Lords].

Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill [Lords].

City of London [Tithes] Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the applicable Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. :—

Macclesfield and Swinton Traction (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

Brighton Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

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

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 Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, are applicable thereto, viz. :—

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Morecambe and Heysham Town Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.
Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:
- Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Tunbridge Wells) Bill.
- Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Glasgow) Bill.
- Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Torquay) Bill.
- Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Leeds) Bill.
- Marriages Provisional Orders Bill.
- Kingston-upon-Hull Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time tomorrow.

The Felixstowe Pier Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The London County Council (Money) Bill was 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, That the London Passenger Transport Board Bill be now read the third time:

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Possessor of the Duchy of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Gwendall Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command, Revised Estimate of the Sum required in the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948 for the Foreign Office (German Section) formerly the Control Office for Germany and Austria.

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

Treaty Series (No. 37, 1947).

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Notes exchanged at Damascus, on the 1st and the 2nd day of November 1946, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Syria, concerning the Settlement of Pending Cases before the Syrian Mixed Courts.


Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Royal Danish Government concerning the Supply of Certain Aircraft and Equipment to Denmark, signed at Copenhagen on the 16th day of August 1946.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Athens between the 31st day of March and the 7th day of April 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Royal Hellenic Government, concerning the Transfer of the Responsibility for the Administration of the Dodecanese Islands.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Havana between Treaty Series (No. 49, 1947), December 1946, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Cuba, concerning Reciprocal Notification of the Imprisonment or Death in Prison of British and Cuban Nationals.

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 5th June 1947, entitled the Control of Wool Wastes Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Silk present, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Provisional Order dated 31 May 1947, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Varying Order, 1947.

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 4th June 1947, entitled the New Potatoes (1947 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

Copies of Orders, dated 5th June 1947, entitled—
(1) the Food Rationing (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Meat Products and Canned Meat (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Neil Maclean reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills, &c.; That they had considered the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords; and directed him to make a Report in respect thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and an Appendix: and the Report was brought up and read.

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

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

Clause No. 1 (Hydrocarbon oils).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the words "fuel oils or any gas oils," and insert the words "heavy hydrocarbon oils, other than lubricating oils."—(Mr. Orr-Ewing.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 2 agreed to.
Clause No. 3 (Tobacco).
Amendment proposed in p. 3, to leave out ll. 9 to 12.—(Mr. Eccles.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Eccles.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Mr. Hannan:

Tellers for the
Mr. Daines,
Mr. Studholme:

Clauses Nos. 4 to 8 agreed to.
Clause No. 9 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 10 (Alteration of certain reliefs). Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 1, to leave out from the word “seventy-five,” to the end of l. 5.—(Sir Peter Bennett.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 6, after the word “words,” to insert the words “seven hundred and fifty pounds;” for the words “five hundred pounds;” the words “—(Mr. Pieman.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 6, to leave out the word “one-sixth,” and insert the word “one-half.”—(Mr. Osborne.)

Question, That the word “one-sixth” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 20, to leave out the word “sixty,” and insert the word “seventy-five.”—(Mr. Wadsworth.)

Question, That the word “sixty,” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 11 and 12 agreed to.
Clause No. 13 (Relief from balancing charges for certain cotton spinning concerns).
Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 33, after the word “spinner,” to insert the words “or (ii) any cotton spinner or cotton spinning concern affected by the arrangements sells machinery or plant by improved machinery or plant ordered in such a manner as to satisfy the conditions requisite for the making of a re-equipment grant.”—(Mr. Prescott.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Studholme,
Major Ramsay:

Tellers for the
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Mr. Daines:

Clauses Nos. 15 to 18 agreed to.

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

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

Mr. Michael Stewart reported, from the Committee on 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 companies and unit trusts and to dealing in securities, and to bring the law of bankruptcy and the law relating to the registration of business names into conformity in certain respects with the law relating to companies as so amended, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade by virtue of the Act; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any fees payable or fines imposed by virtue of the 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. Michael Stewart);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 11th June, 1947:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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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 Urban District of Braintree and Bocking,

(2) the Urban District of Cowes,

(3) the Borough of Hemel Hempstead,

(4) the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme,

(5) the Urban District of Wednesfield, and

(6) the Urban District of Wolverton.

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 11th June 1947, entitled the Northern Lighthouse Board (Establishment) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 19 to 23 agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Rate of the profits tax).

Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) Where there falls to be included in the profits of a trade or business for any chargeable accounting period any interest payable under subsection (5) of section ten of the War Damage Act, 1943, the amount chargeable by way of the profits tax in respect of that period shall be reduced by an amount equal to seven and a half per cent. of the amount of that interest."—(Mr. Gammans.)

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

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 259.
Mr. Hannan, 118.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Ramsay :
Mr. Studholme, 259.
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 118.

Clause No. 25 (Exemption of individuals and partnerships of individuals from the profits tax.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 43, to leave out the words "and all," and insert the words "to the extent that."—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Question proposed, That the words "and all," stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 26 (Investment income to be included in computing profits).

Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words—

" (c) interim income of colliery companies within the meaning of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1947; and."

—(Colonel Clarke.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Druce, 104.
Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp :
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 279.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Hannan :
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 279.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words—

" (c) interest on any securities issued by His Majesty's Government which is provided directly or indirectly out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or of
Northern Ireland or out of moneys provided by the Parliament of the United Kingdom or the Parliament of Northern Ireland and interest on any securities issued by the Government of any part of His Majesty's Dominions outside the United Kingdom, of any British protectorate or British protected state or of any territory in respect of which a mandate or a trusteeship has been accepted by His Majesty, and interest on any securities issued by the Government of any foreign state where the securities are issued in consideration of or as compensation for the taking over by that Government of any assets of or the business of the corporate body; and—"—(Mr. Eccles.)

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

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Collindridge, Yeas ;

Mr. Daines ;

Mr. Studholme, Noses ;

Major Conant :

276. 104.

Clause No. 27 (Abatement of profits in certain cases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 17, at the beginning, to insert the words—

"(1) Where any shares of a company are held by employees of that company under a co-partnership scheme, profits tax shall not be payable on that proportion of the company's profits which the co-partnership issued capital bears to the total issued capital."—(Mr. Pitman.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Studholme, Yeas ;

Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp ;

Mr. Collindridge, Noses ;

Mr. Daines :

264. 105.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 28 agreed to.

Clause No. 29 (Meaning of " gross relevant distributions ")—(Mr. Assheton.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 31, after the word " distributions," to insert the words "other than fixed preference dividends."—(Mr. Assheton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 36, to leave out the word " six," and insert the words "nine months or in the case of a company carrying on business or having interests abroad twelve."—(Mr. Eccles.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words "and of any share premium reserves paid in by the members."—(Mr. Eccles.)

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

An Amendment made, another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 41, to leave out the words "in general meeting."—(Mr. Eccles.)

Question proposed, That the words " in general meeting," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 30 (Meaning of " distribution " and provision with respect to repaid loans).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 1, at the end, to insert the words "out of the chargeable profits."—(Mr. Eccles.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 4, after the word "person," to insert the words "(otherwise than in a liquidation for the purpose of an amalgamation or reconstruction)."—(Mr. Eccles.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 13, after the word " reducing," to insert the words "or in redeeming."—(Mr. Assheton.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 31 agreed to.

Clause No. 32 (Provisions as to subsidiary companies).

Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words—

"If at any time a subsidiary as defined by section twenty-two of the Finance Act, 1937, as amended, has not previously been the subject of a notice under that section but is the subject of a notice given by the principal company within six months of the passing of this Act the like sums may be carried forward under paragraph 2 and sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 3 of the Fourth Schedule to the said Act from previous chargeable accounting periods during which or during any part of which the subsidiary was a subsidiary of that principal company as might have been carried forward from those periods for the purpose of the profits tax in respect of the trade or business of the subsidiary if no such notice had been given and the said sums may be treated for the purpose of the profits tax in respect of the trade or business of the principal company as if they had been carried forward in respect of the trade or business carried on by it."—(Mr. Eccles.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 33 (Persons resident outside the United Kingdom).

Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 41, after the word "corporate," to insert the words "and to any other proprietor who is not normally resident in the United Kingdom."—(Mr. Peake.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the  Mr. Draise, Yeas,  Mr. Studholme : 105.
    Yes,  262.

Tellers for the  Mr. Popplewell : Noes,  Mr. Thorp :
    Yes,  68.

Clause No. 42 agreed to.
Clause No. 43 (Increase of existing duties and provisions consequent thereon).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the  Mr. Simmons, Yeas,  Mr. Popplewell : 179.
    Yes,  167.

Tellers for the  Major Conant, Noes,  Lieutenant-Colonel
    Yes,  68.

Clause No. 44 agreed to.
Clause No. 45 (Savings for certain conveyances and leases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 41, l. 14, after the word " where," to insert the words "a lease of land is granted to any governing body constituted for charitable purposes if the land which is the subject of the lease is to be occupied and used by such body for the purposes of that body or where."—(Mr. Keeling.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 44, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words:—

"(4) A company may deliver to the Commissioners a statement prior to issuing any securities or varying the rights or liabilities attached to any securities previously issued as mentioned in subsection (1) of this section together with a declaration that such proposed issue or variation of rights or liabilities does not contain any element of bonus as mentioned in that subsection or an estimate of what in its opinion is the value of the bonus which would be likely to arise by reason of the proposed issue or variation of rights or liabilities in accordance with the principles of the next two succeeding sections and on receipt thereof the Commissioners shall as soon as may be confirm the declaration or estimate or assess an alternative value of the bonus and if the company accepts the value so assessed by the Commissioners the duty charged by subsection (2) of this section shall be assessed in accordance with such confirmation estimate or assessment and no further claim shall be made on the company in respect thereof."—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 44, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words:—

" Provided always that this subsection shall not apply to a bona fide issue of securities for the purpose of carrying out arrangements for the amalgamation or grouping of two or more companies, subject to a certificate granted by the Board of Trade that such amalgamation or grouping is in the public interest."—(Mr. Assheton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause Nos. 46 to 48 agreed to.
Clause No. 49 (Charge of duty on bonus issues of securities, etc.).
Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Stanley.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the  Mr. Studholme, Yeas,  Lieutenant-Colonel
    Yes,  68.

Tellers for the  Mr. Pearson, Noes,  Lieutenant-Colonel
    Yes,  160.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 44, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words " providing that no stamp duty is payable if the bonus is less than five per cent. and that where the bonus exceeds five per cent. the duty be payable on any excess over five per cent."—(Mr. Birch.)
Clause No. 62 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 63 agreed to.

To report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—[Mr. Hannan.]

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Hannan.]

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes before Six of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 119.]
Thursday, 12th June, 1947.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The London and North-Eastern Railway Bill.
Agriculture (Northern Ireland).
Agriculture (Northern Ireland).
Gas (Special Orders).
Selection (Committee on Unopposed Bills) (Panel).
Selection (Standing Committees).
Standing Committee B.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had added the following thirty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of Scottish Companies Bill [Lords]): Mr. Attwell, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Brachen, Major Bruce, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cobb, Sir Stafford Cripps, Colonel Crowstone-Eyre, Mr. Cubbert, Mr. Edelman, Mr. Eric Fletcher, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mr. John Foster, Sir Stanley Holmes, Mr. Hector Hughes; Colonel Lancaster, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. John Lewis, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Mr. Hopkin Morris, Mr. Rankin, Captain Snow, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Ungood-Thomas and Group Captain Wilcock.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following fifteen Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Education (Exemptions) (Scotland) Bill (Lords)): Mr. Richard Adams, Mr. Berry, Mr. Bramall, Miss Cobman, Mr. Deer, Mr. Dods, Mr. Dye, Mr. John Evans, Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Leslie, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Stubbs, Mr. George Wallace and Major Wise.

Sir Basil Neven-Spence reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills; That they had gone through the Town and Country Planning (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.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Standing Committee on Unopposed Bills: That they had examined the allegations of the Southern Railway Bill [Lords], 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of the put, That the Proceedings on Government House.

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:

For the [Mr. Simmons, Yeas, Mr. Popplewell:

Mr. Drewe, Noes, Mr. Studholme:

104.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Fire Services into consideration the Fire Services 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. 5, p. 6, l. 26; Clause No. 13, p. 14, l. 16, p. 15, l. 1 and 17, and p. 16, l. 2 and 6; Clause No. 18, p. 18, l. 43; Clause No. 26, p. 24, l. 6, l. 12 and 14, and the Fifth Schedule, p. 44, l. 5, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Ede—(Mr. Secretary Ede);

The Question was amended, by adding at the end thereof the words "to Clause No. 3, p. 4, l. 25, and Clause No. 13, p. 15, l. 16, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Grimston"—(Mr. Grimston); "to Clause No. 4, p. 5, l. 24, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Symonds"—(Mr. Symonds); "and to Clause No. 26, p. 24, l. 39, and p. 25, l. 4, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bing."—(Mr. Bing.)

And the Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 5, p. 6, l. 26; Clause No. 13, p. 14, l. 16, p. 15, l. 1 and 17, and p. 16, l. 2 and 6; Clause No. 18, p. 18, l. 43; Clause No. 26, p. 24, l. 6, l. 12 and 14, and the Fifth Schedule, p. 44, l. 5, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Ede; to Clause No. 3, p. 4, l. 25, and Clause No. 13, p. 15, l. 16, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Grimston; to Clause No. 4, p. 5, l. 24, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Symonds; and to Clause No. 26, p. 24, l. 39, and p. 25, l. 4, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bing.

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 (Supplementary powers of fire authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 25, at the end to insert the words—

"(f) to employ the fire brigade if requested so to do by the Health Committee of the local authority in running the local authority's accident ambulance service and in that event to have full responsibility for that service."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause No. 4 (County and county borough councils to be fire authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 24, at the end, to insert the words—

"Where, on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, the population of a non-county borough, as estimated by the Registrar General, exceeded one half of the population of the administrative county comprising the borough as so estimated, the provisions of this Act shall apply to the borough as if it were a county borough, and references in this Act to county boroughs and to non-county boroughs shall be construed accordingly."—(Mr. Symonds.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and regathered.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Transitional provisions). Amendments made.


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 16, after the word "employment," to insert the words "in the National Fire Service."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 39, at the end, to insert the words—

"(i) for reckoning, for all or any of the purposes of the Scheme, the period of service of a person in the Armed Forces of the Crown, or in the Mercantile Marine, or the period of war-time service of a person on duties connected with the provision of fire services, as may be specified in the Scheme, as if it were service as a member of a fire brigade maintained in pursuance of this Act for twice such period, or any less time than twice such period, either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as may be so specified and either as respects the whole of the service so specified or as respects such fraction thereof as may be so specified."—(Mr. Bing.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 4, to leave out the word "twenty-five," and insert the word "fifteen."—(Mr. Bing.)

Question, That the word "twenty-five," be stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Fifth 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 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 (Fire brigade committees in counties)—(Mr. Secretary Ede)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 6, by leaving out the words "Great Britain," and inserting the words "England and Wales"—(Mr. Maclay), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "Great Britain," stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Hannan: 222.

Mr. Maclay, Mr. Maclay, 60.

Colonel Gomme-Duncan

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. 13, l. 39, by inserting, at the end thereof the words—

"Provided that any property vested in a local authority being a fire authority for the
purposes of the Fire Brigade Act, 1938, and used only partly for the purposes of the National Fire Service shall not be transferred to fire authorities except with the consent of the local authority which shall not be withheld unreasonably and which may be given subject to reasonable terms and conditions and if any question shall arise under this provision it shall be determined by the Minister of Health."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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. 30, l. 9, by inserting, after the first word "fire," the words "wheresoever it may occur."—(Mr. Grimston.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved it self into a Committee on the Isle of Man Harbours Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant June, That the Penicillin Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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 this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Captain Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairman) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Basil Neven-Spence Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Education (Exemptions) Scotland Bill [Lords].

[No. 120.]

Friday, 13th June, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P RAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Order, 1947, entitled the Regulation of Payments (General) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Cinematograph Entertainments. 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 Harrogate,
(2) the City of Leicester,
(3) the City of Liverpool,
(4) the City of Norwich,
(5) the County Borough of Warrington, and
(6) the Borough of Weston-super-Mare.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command—Copy of Notes exchanged at London between the 28th day of March and the 21st day of May 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands Government, amending the Air Services Agreement of the 13th day of August 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Chartered and Other Bodies (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1947, entitled the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1947.
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 Wednesfield, a copy of which Order was presented on the 11th day of this instant June, 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 Wolverton, a copy of which Order was presented on the 11th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn —(Mr. Michael Stewart)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Four of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, as applied by the Order made upon the 12th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 121.]

Monday, 16th June, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRA?ERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Double Taxation Relief.

Directions of several Acts of Parliament, entitled—

(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (British Guiana) Order, 1947.
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Cypus) Order, 1947.
(3) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mauritius) Order, 1947.
(4) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Northern Rhodesia) Order, 1947.
(5) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Seychelles) Order, 1947, and
(6) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Trinidad) Order, 1947.

Account of Revenue and Expenditure in Isle of Man.}

MR. BEVIN presented, by His Majesty's Treaty Series Command.—Copy of Notes exchanged at Oslo between the 23rd day of December 1946 and the 15th day of January 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom

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and the Government of Norway, concerning the transmission by Post of Diplomatic Correspondence.

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 10th June 1947, entitled the Fluorine in Food Order, 1947.

Copies of Orders,
(1) dated 20th June 1947, entitled the Live-stock (Sales) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1947, and
(2) dated 11th June 1947, entitled the Plums (Revocation) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Companies Bill [Lords]): Mr. Chetwynd; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Mitchison.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Education (Exemptions) (Scotland) Bill [Lords]: Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ivor Owen Thomas.

Mr. Elliot reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, That they had considered the Bill; and had directed him to make a Report in respect thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Allowance for housekeeper of blind person)—(Lieutenant-Commander Hutchison)—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. The Committee divided.

Another Clause (Relief for fixed preference dividends in connection with double taxation)—(Mr. Nigel Birch)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time. The Committee divided.

The Committee divided.

Another Clause (Expenses to be deducted from emoluments assessed under Schedule E of First Schedule to Income Tax Act, 1938)—(Major Bruce)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Tax allowance for domestic help in certain cases)—(Mr. Daggart)—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 (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. The Committee divided.

The Committee divided.

The Committee divided.

Another Clause (Deduction for subscription to recognised society in certain cases)—(Mr. Palmer)—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 (Application of section eleven of Finance Bill (No. 2) Act, 1939)—(Lieutenant-Commander Brashthwaite)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time. The Committee divided.

The Committee divided.

The Committee divided.

The Committee divided.

Another Clause (Application of section eleven of Finance Bill (No. 2) Act, 1939)—(Lieutenant-Commander Brashthwaite)—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.

To report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Michael Stewart.)
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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 122.]

Tuesday, 17th June, 1947.

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.:

Southern Railway Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Southern Railway 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 City of London (Tithes) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group E of Private Bills have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the Matter of the Complaint made upon the 25th day of March last by Mr. Byers, Member for the County of Dorset (North Division), of certain actions by the Executive Committee of the Civil Service Clerical Association which, it was submitted, were calculated improperly to influence Mr. William Brown, Member for the County of Warwick (Rugby Division) in the exercise of his parliamentary duties, 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.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group E of Private Bills have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report relative to the Tynemouth Corporation Bill which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group E of Private Bills have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Tynemouth 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 referred to by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to transfer to the Crown Apsley House and the site, forecourt and garden thereof and certain chattels formerly belonging to the first Duke of Wellington; to provide for the use of Apsley House partly as a museum for the preservation and exhibition of the said chattels and other chattels associated with the said first Duke or his times and for other public purposes, and partly as a residence for the Duke of Wellington; to amend the enactments relating to the Wellington estates, so as to provide for the automatic devolution of the property subject to the trusts thereof whenever there is a change in the person holding office as First Lord of the Treasury, Chancellor of the Exchequer or Speaker of the House of Commons; 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 better regulation and management of a piece of ground called Nazeing Wood or Nazeing Park in the Parish of Nazeing in the County of Essex; and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Mayor Alderman and Burgesses of the county borough of Southend-on-Sea to construct sea walls, harbours, street works and other works; to authorise the acquisition of lands for sundry purposes and the development of lands for industrial and other purposes; to confer further powers on them in reference to their pier electricity gas water transport and entertainments undertakings and the provision of trolley vehicles; to enact provisions relating to houseboats &c.; and to make further and better provision in reference to the foreshore and the improvement and development of lands for industrial and other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Nazeing Wood or Park Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Southend-on-Sea Corporation 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 a Committee on the Finance Bill. (In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance (No. 2) Act, 1945, and Finance Act, 1920) (Mr. Shawcross)—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 (Mills, factories allowances) (Mr. Eccles)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Objection being taken, That the proposed Chairman declines to put the Question on the Clause.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Third Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 61, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words "electric washing machines."—(Mr. Alfred Edwards.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to.

Fourth Schedule agreed to.

Fifth Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 63, l. 41, at the end, to insert the words—"London taxi-cabs being motor-cars designed and constructed in compliance with the conditions of fitness required by the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis for the grant of licences to ply for hire within the Metropolitan Police district."—(Sir Thomas Moore.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Speaker informed the Committee that the Votes were:—Yeas, 273; Noes, 99.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 63, l. 41, at the end, to insert the words—"Articles designed as fuel in order to be placed when required in stoves, grates, ranges and fireplaces above the fuel in order to convert an open fire temporarily into an enclosed fire."—(Mr. York.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 63, l. 41, at the end, to insert the words "Articles designed as fuel in order to be placed when required in stoves, grates, ranges and fireplaces above the fuel in order to convert an open fire temporarily into an enclosed fire."—(Mr. York.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tellers for the 

The Committee divided.

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The Committee divided.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 63, l. 41, at the end, to insert the words “Children’s toys.”—(Mr. Wadsworth.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 63, l. 41, at the end, to insert the words—

“Industrial gloves including mittens, mitts or gauntlets made of—
(a) Leather with palms having metal reinforcements, or
(b) Cotton or fabric and leather palms with or without reinforcement.”—(Mr. Howard.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 64, l. 10, after the word “ descriptions,” to insert the word “nets.”—(Mr. Digby.)

Question proposed, That the word “nets,” be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 64, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words—

“Knives, forks and spoons (not fabricated from silver or gold).”—(Mr. Wadsworth.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

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Question put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 64, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words—

“Original works of art and reproductions of works of art.”—(Mrs. Ayrton Gould.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 64, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words—

“Batteries for wireless sets.”—(Mr. Douglas Marshall.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 64, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words—

“Children’s toys.”—(Mr. Wadsworth.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 64, l. 21, at the end, to insert the words “Glass mirrors for domestic use.”—(Mr. Holman.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Sixth and Seventh Schedules amended, and agreed to.

Eighth Schedule agreed to.

Ninth Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Tenth Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

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 Leicester, a copy of which Order was presented on the 13th day of this instant June, 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 City of Liverpool, a copy of which Order was presented on the 13th day of this instant June, 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 Borough of Harrogate, a copy of which Order was presented on the 13th day of this instant June, 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 Warrington, a copy of which Order was presented on the 13th day of this instant June, 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 Borough of Weston-super-Mare, a copy of which Order was presented on the 13th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Hannan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes before Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
Wednesday, 18th June, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Administration of Estates and Treasure Trove in Scotland on behalf of the Crown in 1946, 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 several Acts of Parliament,—Account under the Housing Act, 1914, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947. Copy of an Order, dated 16th June 1947, entitled the Purchase Tax (Charges) Order, 1947. 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 Provisional Regulations, dated 12th June 1947, entitled the Supplemental Allowances (Scottish Scholars at English Universities) Provisional Regulations, 1947. 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 1947, entitled the Sea-Fishing Industry (Restriction of Fishing in Northern Waters) Suspension Order, 1947. 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 June 1947, entitled the Food Rationing (General Licence No. 6) Order, 1947. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Skinner presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Harbour Commissioners) Order, 1947. Copy of an Order, dated 11th June 1947, entitled the Control of Fuel (Restriction of Heating) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooks reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B; Colonel Gomme-Duncan; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jennings.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the Order contained in the Kingston-upon-Hull 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 Orders contained in the Marriages Provisional Orders Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and 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 of the Newhaven and Seaford Sea Defences 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill [Lords], 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 had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the South-West Middlesex Crematorium Bill [Lords], 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 had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Wellington Museum Bill [Lords] was Wellington read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B; Colonel Gomme-Duncan; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jennings.
Standing Committee B.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Companies Bill [Lords]) : Group Captain Wilcock; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Solicitor General.

Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (added in respect of the Education (Exemptions) (Scotland) Bill [Lords]) : Mr. Dodds; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hutchinson.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Probation Officers (Superannuation) Bill and in Committee on Probation Officers (Superannuation) (Money) and on the Penicillin 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:

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Simmons, Mr. Hannan :

Tellers for the Noes,

Major Conant :

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £40, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Housing in Scotland for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1948, namely:


Class V., Vote 12, Department of Health for Scotland . . . . £10

Class VII, Vote 1, Ministry of Works . . . . £10

Class V, Vote 4, Ministry of Labour and National Service . . . . £10

Class X, Vote 1, Ministry of Supply . . . . £10

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a further sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Housing in Scotland for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1948, namely:


Class V, Vote 12, Department of Health for Scotland . . . . £5

Class VII, Vote 1, Ministry of Works . . . . £5

Class V, Vote 4, Ministry of Labour and National Service . . . . £5

Class X, Vote 1, Ministry of Supply . . . . £5

£20

(Mr. James Reid):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Studholme, Major Conant :

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Popplewell :

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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 Deputy Chairman acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Probation Officers (Superannuation) Probation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Michael Stewart.)

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 Probation Officers (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 make fresh provision with respect to the payment of superannuation allowances and gratuities to or in respect of probation officers and certain former probation officers, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the passing of that Act in the sums payable under subsection (3) of section five of the Criminal Justice Act, 1925, out of moneys so provided.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

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.

The House, according to Order, resolved Penicillin Bill itself into a Committee on the Penicillin Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Control of sale and supply of substances to which this Act applies). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, to leave out from the word "research," to the end of l. 5.—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Drewe :

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell, Major Ramsay :

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Other Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 2 (Substances to which this Act applies). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 12, to leave out from the word "other," to the word "as," in l. 13, and insert the words "medicinal substances."—(Mr. Shawcross.)

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. 13, to leave out from the first word "by," to the end of the Clause, and add the words—
"Order in Council."

(2) A draft of any Order in Council under this Act shall be laid before Parliament after consultation with the Medical Research Council, and the draft shall not be submitted to His Majesty except in pursuance of an Address presented by each House of Parliament praying that the Order be made."—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of l. 16, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 3 (Offences and penalties). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir John Mellor.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—

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Question put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

A Clause (Enforcement by Pharmaceutical Society)—(Mr. John Edwards)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Duration)—(Sir John Mellor)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes after One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 124.]

Thursday, 19th June, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Kingston-upon-Hull Provisional Order Kingston- Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Marriages Provisional Orders Bill was, Marriages Provisional Orders Bill passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Glennis Hall presented, pursuant to the Public Works directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Loans.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Police Regulations, 1947. Copy of a Scheme made by the East Lothian 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. Secretary Bevin presented, pursuant to Police Orders, the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th June 1947, entitled the Adaptation of Enactments (Police) (Tunbridge Wells) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Pearson presented, pursuant to Police the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th May 1947, entitled the Police (Overseas Service) (Germany) Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the West Cheshire 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. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th June 1947, entitled the Canned Puddings (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, 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 Warmminster Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the further applicability to the Wellington Museum Bill [Lords] of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Public Offices (Site) (re-committed) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Include the text of Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Vote 1. Foreign Office.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Offices (Site) (re-committed) Bill.

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 Mr. Churchill be discharged Privileges, from the Committee of Privileges; and that Mr. James Reid be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Captain Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 125.]

Friday, 20th June, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. G. W. F. H. Hughes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Warrant, dated 16th June 1947, entitled the Inland Revenue Act, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Racecourse Betting Control Act, 1947.

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 13th June 1947, entitled the Women's and Maids' Outerwear (Price Control) Order, 1947, and
Resolved, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation) Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report of the Committee on Double Day-Shift Working.

Mr. Isaacs also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th June 1947, entitled the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 17th June 1947, entitled the Dock Labour (Compulsory Registration) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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 18th June 1947, entitled the Metalliferous Mines General Regulations (Exemption) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 Agriculture (Emergency Payments) [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.

The Agriculture (Emergency Payments) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time. Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Michael Stewart).

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Agriculture (Emergency Payments) [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 authorise the making out of moneys provided by Parliament of acreage payments in respect of crops grown in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven on land affected by abnormal flooding;

(a) of expenditure authorised by the new Act, whether incurred before or after the passing thereof, in making acreage payments in respect of crops grown in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven on land affected by abnormal flooding;

(b) of any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under section thirteen of the Hill Farming Act, 1946, which is attributable to provisions of the new Act enabling subsidy payments in respect of sheep to be calculated by reference to circumstances at the first relevant day for the purposes of that section notwithstanding that the payments relate to a subsequent such relevant day;

(c) of advances authorised by the new Act, whether made before or after the passing thereof, in the case of such subsidy payments as aforesaid relating to the second and third relevant days for the purposes of the said section thirteen.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Michael 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. Michael Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 126J

Monday, 23rd June, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty’s National Debt Command,—Papers relative to the position, as at the 31st day of March 1947, of certain Funds left in trust for the Reduction of the National Debt.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented by His Majesty’s Standon Farm Approved School Command,—Copy of a Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the conduct of Standon (Enquiry) Farm Approved School, and the circumstances connected with the murder of a Master at the School on the 15th day of February, 1947.
Mr. Secretary Ede also 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 Rural District of Blackwell.
2. the Borough of Bridgnorth.
3. the County Borough of Darlington.
4. the County Borough of Ipswich.
5. the City and County of Kingston-upon-Hull.
6. the Rural District of Mildenhall.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 10th day of June 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Swiss Government, regarding the Reciprocal Abolition of Visas.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies—
4. of the Second Annual Report of the Colonial Medical Research Committee, and

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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 1947, namely, the Coathill Burgh Extension Act Order, the Edinburgh Merchant Company Widows' Fund (Amendment) Order, the Glasgow Corporation Order and the National Trust for Scotland 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 an Order, dated 27th June 1947, entitled the Grass Seed (Growers' Fixed Prices) (Scotland) Order, 1947.

Copies of University Court Ordinances,—
1. No. 236 (No. 53 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Foundation of the Chair of English Language),
2. No. 237 (No. 54 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Foundation of the Chair of Geography), and
3. No. 238 (No. 55 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Foundation of the Chair of Psychology).


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, dated 16th June 1947, entitled—
1. the Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1947.
2. the Second-Hand Goods (Maximum Prices and Records) Order, 1947, and
3. the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) Order, 1947.

Copy of Directions, dated 14th June 1947, entitled the Knitted Goods (Amendment) (No. 5) Directions, 1947.

Orders of the House moreover presented pursuant to the Standing Orders (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. Popplewell;
Yea,
87.
Tellers for the
Mr. Drew;
Mr. Studdholm;
Noes,
No.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electricity Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Central Authority to inform the Royal Fine Art Commission of sites of new generating stations)—(Mr. Keeling); 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. Drew;
Mr. Studdholm;
Yea,
95.
Tellers for the
Mr. Joseph Henderson;
Mr. Hannan;
Noes,
No.
So it was passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Prohibition of tax-free payments to members of Boards)—(Mr. Elliot); 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. Drew;
Mr. Studdholm;
Yea,
99.
Tellers for the
Mr. Joseph Henderson;
Mr. Hannan;
Noes,
No.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Prevention of victimisation)—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter); 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. Studdholm,
Mr. Popplewell;
Mr. Dames;
Mr. Pearson,
Mr. Daines;
Yea,
231.
Tellers for the
Captain Snow,
Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp;
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Mr. Popplewell;
Noes,
No.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 13, by leaving out the words “the North of Scotland District,” and inserting the word “Scotland”—(Mr. Elliot)—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. Studdholm,
Mr. Popplewell;
Mr. Daines;
Mr. Pearson,
Mr. Daines;
Yea,
256.
Tellers for the
Captain Snow,
Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp;
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Mr. Popplewell;
Noes,
No.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being after Ten of the clock, and no Objection being taken to further Proceeding, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further Consideration to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Purchase Tax; Road Vehicles.

1. Resolved, That, as from the eighteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and subject to any subsequent order under
section twenty of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, purchase tax shall be charged at an intermediate rate, equal to two-thirds of the value of the goods, in respect of mechanically propelled passenger road vehicles of a retail value of more than one thousand two hundred and eighty pounds a vehicle, the retail value of a vehicle and the articles to be treated as forming part thereof being ascertained in such manner as may be provided by or under any Act of the present Session relating to Finance and so as to include value attributable to payment of tax at the basic rate.

In this Resolution the expression "passenger road vehicles" means road vehicles constructed or adapted solely or mainly for the carriage of passengers, or having, to the rear of the driver's seat, roofed accommodation lit by side windows and fitted with, or constructed or adapted for the fitting of, seating for passengers.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Excise; Mechanically Propelled Vehicles.

2. Resolved, That, as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duties of excise chargeable under section thirteen of the Finance Act, 1920, in respect of mechanically propelled vehicles chargeable with such duties under paragraph 6 of the Second Schedule to that Act, other than electrically propelled vehicles, shall, in the case of such a vehicle registered under the Roads Act, 1920, for the first time on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, be charged at the rate of ten pounds for the vehicle.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

To report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th June, 1947, entitled the Narrow Fabrics (Maximum Prices) (No. 3) Order, 1947. 

Copy of Directions, dated 17th June, 1947, entitled the Bedding (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions, 1947. 

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 20th June, 1947, entitled the Home Grown Grains (Sack Charges) Order, 1947. 

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 London County Council (Improvements) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

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 Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (British Guiana) Order, 1947,
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Ceylon) Order, 1947,
(3) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mauritius) Order, 1947,
(4) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Northern Rhodesia) Order, 1947,
(5) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Seychelles) Order, 1947, and
(6) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Trinidad) Order, 1947.

copies of which were presented on the 16th day of this instant June, and the Purchase Tax (Charges) (No. 1) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1182), a copy of which was presented on the 18th 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.

Sir Basil Neven-Spence reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, That they had gone through the Education (Exemptions) (Scotland) 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Electricity 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:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simons,
Mr. Popplewell:
Mr. Studholme,
Mr. Strachey:
Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Daines:
Mr. Gaiskell:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Electricity Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, 1, 8, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"and (c) to carry on all such other activities as it may appear to the Authority to be requisite, advantageous, or convenient for them to carry on for or in connection with the performance of their duties under the foregoing section or with a view to making the best use of any assets vested in them by or under this Act."—(Mr. Gaiskell.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson,
Mr. Daines:
Mr. Daines:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant:
Mr. Gaiskell:

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. 10, 1, 44, by inserting, after the word "half," the words "nor more than two-thirds."—(Colonel Clarke.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Hudson,
Mr. Hannan:
Mr. Studholme:

Tellers for the Noes, Major Ramsay:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 27, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

(7) Each of the said Councils shall keep a register which shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times and without charge, by the owner or occupier of any premises within the area of such Council, and shall record in such register a copy of every such representation to them as is referred to in subsection (4) of this section, together with the names and addresses of the persons by whom it was made, the dates on which it was received and considered by them, and any conclusion or direction was received by the Central Authority, and the date on which notification of each such conclusion or direction was received by the Central Authority, and the date on which notification of each such conclusion or direction was received by the Central Authority, and the date on which notification of each such conclusion or direction was received by the Central Authority, and the date on which notification of each such conclusion or direction was received by the Central Authority, and the date on which notification of each such conclusion or direction was received by the Central Authority.

(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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. Pearson: Yeas, Mr. Collindridge: 283.

Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Stadholme: 101.

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. 19, l. 1, by leaving out paragraph (c).—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre.)

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. Pearson, Mr. Stadholme: 284.

Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson: 284.

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. 19, l. 42, by leaving out subsection (13).—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

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. Pearson, Mr. Popplewell: 284.

Tellers for the Mr. Stadholme, Mr. Conant: 101.

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. 24, l. 11, by leaving out Clause 17.—(Mr. Birch.)

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. Pearson, Mr. Michael Stewart: 253.

Tellers for the Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp: 102.

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. 32, l. 29, by leaving out from the word "make," to the end of line 31, and inserting the words "such orders against the said directors, as the Central Authority may order different amounts to be paid by different directors, having regard to the extent to which they were respectively responsible for those acts."—(Mr. Gaitskell), 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 from the word "as," to the end thereof, and adding the words "shall think just, having regard to all the circumstances."—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:

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Wednesday, 25th June, 1947:

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson: Yeas, Mr. Simmons: 209.

Tellers for the Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp: 83.

So 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. 44, l. 38, by leaving out from the word "Act," to the word "as," in l. 39.—(Sir Arnold Gridley.)

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. 45, l. 14, by leaving out subsection (1) and inserting the words—

(1) The prices to be charged by the Central Authority for electricity supplied by them to Area Boards shall be in accordance with such tariffs as may be fixed by the Electricity Commissioners.

(2) The tariffs shall be so framed as to include as part of the charge and show separately—

(a) a fixed kilowatt charges component;

(b) a running charges component,

and for this purpose the fixed kilowatt charges component and the running charges component shall be ascertained in accordance with such principles as may be approved by the Electricity Commissioners.
...with the requirements as to the accounts of the Electricity Commissioners; or the tariffs may be framed in such other manner as may be determined by an order of the Electricity Commissioners, but such an order shall not come into force until it has been laid before each House of Parliament for a period of not less than thirty days on which that House has sat, and if either House of Parliament before the expiration of that period presents an Address to His Majesty against further proceedings shall be taken thereon.

(3) The tariffs fixed under this section shall be such as taking one year with another will not result in a financial loss to the Central Authority as respects any area and accordingly may if the Central Authority think fit, be different for different areas"—(Sir Arnold Gridley),—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. 50, l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(a) the aggregate of the sums contributed by the Central Authority in any financial year shall not exceed an amount equal to one half of one per cent of the book value of the assets for the time being vested in the Central Authority;

(b) the aggregate of the sums contributed by any Area Board in any financial year shall not exceed an amount equal to one half of one per cent of the book value of the assets for the time being vested in that Area Board;

(c) the contributions to be made by the Area Boards in any financial year shall be determined rateably in proportion to the book value of the assets for the time being vested in each Area Board;

(d) the maximum amount standing to the credit of the said fund shall not at any time exceed an amount equal to ten per centum of the values of the assets for the time being vested in the Central Authority and in the Area Boards."—(Mr. Birch.)

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. 52, l. 2, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words 'and comply with the requirements as to the accounts of companies contained in any general Act for the time being in force, so far as capable of application.'"—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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. Studdholme,
Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan,
   Noes,  Mr. Collindridge : ] 185.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 52, l. 20, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and copies thereof shall be made available to the public at a reasonable price."—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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 further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Hannan.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration this day.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.
(Mr. Hannan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until two minutes before Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned until this day.

[No. 128.]

Wednesday, 25th June, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Cultural Convention between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Czechoslovak Government, signed at London on the 16th day of June 1947 (with Notes exchanged) (The Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty's Command, Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Polish Provisional Government of National Unity for the Settlement of Outstanding Financial Questions, signed at London on the 24th day of June 1946 (with Notes exchanged) (Ratifications exchanged at London on the 19th day of June 1947).

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Cultural Convention between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Czechoslovak Government, signed at London on the 16th day of June 1947 (with Notes exchanged) (The Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Polish Provisional Government of National Unity for the Settlement of Outstanding Financial Questions, signed at London on the 24th day of June 1946 (with Notes exchanged) (Ratifications exchanged at London on the 19th day of June 1947).

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 19th June 1947, entitled National Insurance.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. John Hynd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order by His Majesty, in amendment of the Order of the 12th day of June 1949, concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other grants to 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.

Copy of an Order by His Majesty, in amendment of the Order of the 21st day of November 1949, concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other grants for Officers, Airmen and Nurses disabled, and for the Widows and Children of Officers and Airmen deceased, in consequence of Service during the 1914 World War.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills; That they had considered the Order contained in the Brighton Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills; That they had considered the Order contained in the Middlesbrough and Swinton Traction (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills; That they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Torquay) 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 of the Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill (Lords); and found the same as amended 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.

Mr. Brooks reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills; That they had examined the allegations of the Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill (Lords), 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 Orders (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. Hannan; Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Ramsay.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Electricity Bill to take into further consideration the Electricity Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 54, l. 27, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "but so however that taking one year with another the terms and conditions shall be such as will not result in a financial loss to the Central Authority or the Area Board as the case may be."—(Colonel Clarke.)

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. 54, l. 30, by leaving out from the word "used," to the end of l. 34, and inserting the words "also for the lighting of vehicles, but shall not be used for any other purpose:

Provided that, with the consent of the Electricity Commissioners, and subject to such limitations and conditions, if any, as they may prescribe either generally or in any particular case, the electricity supplied under this section to a railway company at any point may be used partly for such purposes as aforesaid and partly for other purposes of the undertaking of the owners of the railway, being purposes for which such owners are entitled to use electricity, but the Electricity Commissioners shall not in any case give any such consent until notice of the application for the consent has been given by advertisement or otherwise in such manner as the Electricity Commissioners may direct, and an opportunity has been given to any person who appears to the Minister to be affected of making representations thereon"—(Sir Arnold Gridley),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, 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. 59, l. 46, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(3) If within five years after the vesting date—

(a) any existing officer relinquishes his employment on the ground that he has been required to perform duties which are not reasonably comparable to or are an unreasonable addition to those which as an officer of his previous employer he was required to perform; or

(b) the services of any existing officer are dispensed with by an Electricity Board because his services are not required and not on account of misconduct or incapacity to perform such duties as immediately before the vesting date he was performing or might reasonably have been required to perform; or

(c) the emoluments of any existing officer are reduced, that officer shall unless the contrary be proved be deemed for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section to have suffered loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments by reason of the vesting.

For the purposes of this subsection the expression "existing officer" means any person who was on the nineteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and immediately before the vesting date such an officer as is referred to in subsection (1) of this section and whose services are transferred to an Electricity Board as is referred to in subsection (1) of this section to have suffered loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments by reason of the vesting.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 60, l. 47, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(7) Regulations made under this section shall be so framed as to secure that where either—

(a) a right to or expectation of accruing (whether as of right or under-customary practice) of any particular benefits in favour or in respect of any such person ceases or is prejudiced by reason of his ceasing in consequence of the passing of this Act to be employed by his previous employer, or

(b) any such person has retired from employment as aforesaid before the vesting date and he or another person by reference to his employment has been in receipt of benefits granted in respect of his employment whether as of right or under customary practice, the same benefits or substituted benefits not less advantageous shall be provided for under the regulations"—(Mr. Elliot)—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. 59, l. 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(2) In carrying out their duties under the

"(2) In the case of persons, whether taken into the employment of an Electricity Board or not, who have been members of the Central Electricity Board or were before the vesting date regularly employed in or about any undertaking or part of an undertaking or other business vested in any Electricity Board by or under this Act, the regulations to be made for the purpose of the preceding subsection shall be so framed as to secure that where either—

(a) a right to or expectation of accruing (whether as of right or under-customary practice) of any particular benefits in favour or in respect of any such person ceases or is prejudiced by reason of his ceasing in consequence of the passing of this Act to be employed by his previous employer, or

(b) any such person has retired from employment as aforesaid before the vesting date and he or another person by reference to his employment has been in receipt of benefits granted in respect of his employment whether as of right or under customary practice, the same benefits or substituted benefits not less advantageous shall be provided for under the regulations"—(Mr. Elliot)—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. 59, l. 46, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(3) If within five years after the vesting date—

(a) any existing officer relinquishes his employment on the ground that he has been required to perform duties which are not reasonably comparable to or are an unreasonable addition to those which as an officer of his previous employer he was required to perform; or

(b) the services of any existing officer are dispensed with by an Electricity Board because his services are not required and not on account of misconduct or incapacity to perform such duties as immediately before the vesting date he was performing or might reasonably have been required to perform; or

(c) the emoluments of any existing officer are reduced, that officer shall unless the contrary be proved be deemed for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section to have suffered loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments by reason of the vesting.

For the purposes of this subsection the expression "existing officer" means any person who was on the nineteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and immediately before the vesting date such an officer as is referred to in subsection (1) of this section and whose services are transferred to an Electricity Board as is referred to in subsection (1) of this section to have suffered loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments by reason of the vesting.

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.

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"(7) Regulations made under this section shall be so framed as to secure that where either—

(a) a right to or expectation of accruing (whether as of right or under-customary practice) of any particular benefits in favour or in respect of any such person ceases or is prejudiced by reason of his ceasing in consequence of the passing of this Act to be employed by his previous employer, or

(b) any such person has retired from employment as aforesaid before the vesting date and he or another person by reference to his employment has been in receipt of benefits granted in respect of his employment whether as of right or under customary practice, the same benefits or substituted benefits not less advantageous shall be provided for under the regulations"—(Mr. Elliot)—instead thereof.

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(c) the emoluments of any existing officer are reduced, that officer shall unless the contrary be proved be deemed for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section to have suffered loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments by reason of the vesting.

For the purposes of this subsection the expression "existing officer" means any person who was on the nineteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and immediately before the vesting date such an officer as is referred to in subsection (1) of this section and whose services are transferred to an Electricity Board because his services are not required and not on account of misconduct or incapacity to perform such duties as immediately before the vesting date he was performing or might reasonably have been required to perform; or

(c) the emoluments of any existing officer are reduced, that officer shall unless the contrary be proved be deemed for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section to have suffered loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments by reason of the vesting.
provisions of the Acts repealed by this Act had been re-enacted with any necessary adaptations."—(Colonel Clarke.)

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. 65, l. 1.4, by leaving out subsection (2), and inserting the words—

"(2) Where an offence under the last foregoing section or any regulation made under this Act which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to any negligence on the part of any director manager or secretary or other officer of the body corporate he as well as the body corporate shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly."—(Mr. John Foster),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, 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 another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 13, p. 15, l. 6 and p. 16, l. 2 and 32; all the Amendments to Clause No. 14, the Amendments to Clause No. 17, p. 24, l. 13; Clause No. 19, p. 28, l. 32; Clause No. 20, p. 30, l. 9 and 16; Clause No. 21, p. 33, l. 8; Clause No. 22, p. 33, l. 11 and p. 35, l. 35; Clause No. 23, p. 36, l. 14; Clause No. 24, p. 38, l. 38; Clause No. 25, p. 38, l. 45; Clause No. 26, p. 39, l. 40; all the Amendments to Clause No. 29; the Amendments to Clause No. 30, p. 44, l. 34; Clause No. 34, p. 47, l. 33; Clause No. 35, p. 48, l. 19; Clause No. 37, p. 49, l. 21; Clause No. 50, p. 61, l. 28; Clause No. 59, p. 67, l. 44, p. 68, l. 9, p. 69, l. 7 and p. 70, l. 19 and 38; and of all the new Clauses and of the new Schedule standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Shinwell.—(Mr. Shinwell.)

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. 13, 14 and 17 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Compensation to local authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 32, to leave out subsections (2) to (5), and add the words—

"(2) Where the local authority have raised a loan wholly or partly for the purposes of their functions as authorised undertakers or have advanced money for those purposes out of any consolidated loans fund or mortgage loans pool established by them or out of any other moneys held by them, and, in pursuance of the arrangements in force immediately before the vesting date for the redemption of the loan and the payment of interest thereon, or, as the case may be, for the repayment of the advance and the payment of interest thereon, any amounts would, but for this Act, have fallen, on or after the vesting date, to be debited in the accounts of the local authority, and in pursuance of those arrangements any amounts
would, but for this Act, have fallen, on or after the vesting date, to be debited or credited in the accounts of the local authority in their capacity as authorised undertakers and credited, or, as the case may be, debited, in some other account of the local authority, the Central Authority shall, subject to the provisions of this section, pay those amounts to the local authority or be entitled to receive those amounts from the authority, as the case may be, at the times at which, but for this Act, those amounts would have fallen to be debited or credited in the accounts of the local authority in their capacity aforesaid:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply in relation to any apportionment of establishment charges between the accounts of the local authority in their capacity aforesaid and other accounts of the authority.

(4) The Central Authority and the local authority may agree or the Minister of Health may, on the application of either party in default of such agreement, determine that, having regard to the circumstances in which any such arrangements were made and the circumstances arising under this Act, the last foregoing subsection shall not apply to those arrangements or shall apply thereto with such modifications as to the payments to be made by the Central Authority or the local authority as may be so agreed or determined, and the said subsection shall have effect subject to any such agreement or determination.

Any other question arising under either of the two last foregoing subsections as to the payments to be made thereunder shall, in default of agreement, be determined by the Minister of Health.

(5) Any payment made by the Central Authority or the local authority under the foregoing provisions of this section which would, but for this Act, have been debited or credited as a capital payment, shall be deemed to be a capital payment, and any other such payment shall be deemed to be an annual payment."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That the words be there inserted, put, and agreed to.

Amendment proposed, to the proposed Amendment, to leave out ll. 47 to 51.—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment, put, and agreed to.

Proposed words there added.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Yeas, 182.

Mr. Studholme,
Tellers for the 
Mr. Simmons :
Noes, 59.

Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp :
Clause added.

Another Clause (Bodies to whom Part II of Act applies)—(Mr. Gaitskell)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that if any electricity holding company shall before the vesting date serve on the Minister a notice in writing requiring that in respect of the undertaking comprised in the part of the undertaking referred to in paragraph (c) of this subsection the company desires to be treated in like manner as other holders of the like securities or rights, then for the purposes of this Act such company shall be treated accordingly and shall be deemed not to be an electricity holding company."—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause added.

Another Clause (Right of pre-emption for local authorities in respect of land vested in an Electricity Board)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 1, after the word "authorised", to insert the words "or of any company which is not dissolved by this Act."—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause added.

Another Clause (Acquisition of non-statutory undertakings)—(Mr. Gaitskell)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Composite companies)—(Mr. Gaitskell)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Compensation to composite companies)—(Mr. Glenvil Hall)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

A Schedule (Authorised Undertakers to whom Part II of Act applies)—(Mr. Gaitskell)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments and added six Clauses and a Schedule to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended on recommittal, be now taken into consideration.
The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 23rd day of this instant June, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, as from the eighteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and subject to any subsequent order under section twenty of the Finance Act, 1940, purchase tax shall be charged at an intermediate rate, equal to two-thirds of the value of the goods, in respect of mechanically propelled passenger road vehicles of a retail value of more than one thousand two hundred and eighty pounds a vehicle, the retail value of a vehicle and the articles to be treated as forming part thereof being ascertained in such manner as may be provided by or under any Act of the present Session relating to Finance and so as to include value attributable to payment of tax at the basic rate.

In this Resolution the expression "passenger road vehicles" means road vehicles constructed or adapted solely or mainly for the carriage of passengers, or having, to the rear of the driver's seat, roofed accommodation lit by side windows and fitted with, or constructed or adapted for the fitting of, seating for passengers.

2. That, as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duties of excise chargeable under section thirteen of the Finance Act, 1920, in respect of mechanically propelled vehicles chargeable with such duties under paragraph 6 of the Second Schedule to that Act, other than electrically propelled vehicles, shall, in the case of such a vehicle registered under the Roads Act, 1920, for the first time on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, be charged at the rate of ten pounds for the vehicle.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Resolved, That it be an Instruction to any Committee to which the Finance Bill may be re-committed, that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolutions.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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 Rural District of Mildenhall, a copy of which Order was presented on the 23rd day of this instant June, 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 and County of Kingston-upon-Hull, a copy of which Order was presented on the 23rd day of this instant June, 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 Rural District of Mildenhall, a copy of which Order was presented on the 23rd day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 129.]

Thursday, 26th June, 1947.

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 pursuant to the Order made upon the 19th day of this instant June, That in the case of the Wellington Museum Bill [Lords] no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Felixstowe Urban 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 Brighton 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.
Mexcoborough and Swinton Traction (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Leeds) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Tunbridge Wells) 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.

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Gloucester) Bill.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Torquay) 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.

Public Petitions, Vide Third Report.

Trade Disputes.

Mr. Isac presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of a Court of Inquiry into applications by the Trade Unions representing the employees of the Railway Companies for improvements in wages and reductions in hours of work.

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 Report and Abstract Accounts of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 1946 to the 31st day of March 1947.

Ordered, That the said 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 Swindon Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command—Copy of Notes exchanged at Beirut, on the 22nd day of January, 1947, between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Lebanese Government, concerning the settlement of pending cases before the Lebanese Mixed Courts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland). No. 123.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland, under subsection 5 of Section 14 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1946.

Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 25th June 1947, entitled the National Health Service (Scotland) (Determination of Areas of Regional Hospital Boards) Order, 1947.

(2) dated 27th June 1947, entitled the National Health Service Executive Councils (Variation of Constitution) (Scotland) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

National Health Service (Scotland).

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by Girton College, Cambridge, for administering certain funds of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions). No. 122.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Health under subsection 5 of Section 16 of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946.

Copy of Regulations, dated 24th June 1947, entitled the National Health Service (Regional Hospital Boards, &c.) Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food).

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd June 1947, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Regulation of Manufacture) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Northern Ireland (Money).

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Northern Ireland [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enlarge the legislative power of the Parliament of Northern Ireland in respect of certain matters, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase by virtue of that Act in the sums which under the Requisitioned Land and War Works Act, 1945, are defrayed out of moneys so provided.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Power as regards provision of health services).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 33, after the word “ Acts”, to insert the words—

“ Provided that where the character and associations of any voluntary hospital are such as to link it with a religious denomination all necessary attention should be paid in the general administration and in the making of appointments to the Board of Management to preserve the character and associations of the hospital.

Provided further that all endowments of such hospitals should remain the property of these hospitals.”—(Mr. Muldoon.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 to 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Cesser of reservation of registration of deeds).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 29, after the word “ rights,” to insert the words “ or as respects membership of a Trade Union or similar organisation.”—(Mr. Bing.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 10 to 15 agreed to.

A Clause (Power to enact legislation corresponding to s. 193 of Public Health Act, 1936)—(Mr. Gage)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Validation of the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Acts (Northern Ireland), 1922 to 1943)—(Mr. Bing)—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 Mr. Touche reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Secretary Ede, 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. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Probation Officers (Superannuation) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision with respect to the payment of superannuation allowances and gratuities to or in respect of probation officers and certain former probation officers, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the passing of that Act in the sums payable under subsection (3) of section five of the Criminal Justice Act, 1925, out of moneys so provided.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Probation Officers (Superannuation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Provisions as to Orders). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 45, after the word "authorities," to insert the words "and to the recognised Association of Probation Officers."—(Mr. Janner.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.

Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Touche reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.)

D. Clifton Brown, Speaker.

The Foreign Marriage Bill [Lords] was, Foreign Marriage Bill, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Michael Stewart.)

Resolved, That the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Wellington Museum Bill [Lords] was, Wellington Museum Bill, 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 the fifth day after the day upon which this Order is made be referred to the Committee.

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 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.—(Mr. Key.)

Mr. Key, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Wellington Museum [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 transfer to the Crown Apsley House and the site, forecourt and garden thereof and certain chattels formerly belonging to the First Duke of Wellington, it is expedient to transfer to the Crown Apsley House and the said site, forecourt and garden thereof, and certain chattels formerly belonging to the First Duke of Wellington, and, among other purposes, to provide for the use of Apsley House partly as a residence for the Dukes of Wellington, partly as of Wellington, and, among other purposes, to provide for the use of Apsley House partly as a museum for the preservation and exhibition of the said chattels and other chattels associated with the said First Duke or his times and for other public purposes, and partly as a residence for the Dukes of Wellington, any portions of Apsley House made available by the said Act as a residence for the Dukes of Wellington, together with any right to occupy the garden and any rights of access specified in the said Act, were settled by Act of Parliament so that the successive Dukes of Wellington had life interests therein but were incapable of alienating the same.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

To report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Snow.)

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.

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, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain 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.

—(Mr. Michael Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 131.]

Monday, 30th June, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newhaven and Seaford Sea Defences Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—(Mr. Key) Command.—Estimate of further Sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the House, pursuant to the said 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.

(No. 124.)

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.—(Mr. Key.)

Mr. Key, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Wellington Museum [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 transfer to the Crown Apsley House and the site, forecourt and garden thereof and certain chattels formerly belonging to the First Duke of Wellington, and, among other purposes, to provide for the use of Apsley House partly as a museum for the preservation and exhibition of the said chattels and other chattels associated with the said First Duke or his times and for other public purposes, and partly as a residence for the Dukes of Wellington, any portions of Apsley House made available by the said Act as a residence for the Dukes of Wellington, together with any right to occupy the garden and any rights of access specified in the said Act, were settled by Act of Parliament so that the successive Dukes of Wellington had life interests therein but were incapable of alienating the same.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

To report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Snow.)

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.

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, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain 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.

—(Mr. Michael Stewart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 131.]

Monday, 30th June, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newhaven and Seaford Sea Defences Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—(Mr. Key) Command.—Estimate of further Sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.
Mr. Glynne Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (New Zealand) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd June 1947, entitled the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1947, entitled the Regulation of Payments (Norway and the Spanish Monetary Area) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; that the other Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 17th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Aliens (Naturalization).

Mr. Secretary Ede also 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 Altrincham,
(2) the Rural District of East Dean,
(3) the Borough of Kidderminster,
(4) the Borough of Stretford,
(5) the County Borough of Wallasey, and
(6) the Borough of Wallsend.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Italian Government regarding the Withdrawal of British Forces from Italy and the Transfer of Responsibility from the Allied Military Government and the Italian Government, signed at Rome on the 14th day of June 1947.

Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on the 26th day of June 1947, Supplementary to the Monetary Agreement between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Spanish Government, dated 26th March 1947.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 20th day of June 1947, between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Iceland regarding the Reciprocal Abolition of Visas.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to paragraph 7 (b) of the Government of Burma (Counsellors) Order, 1937,—Minute made by the Secretary of State for Burma under the Government of Burma (Counsellors) Order, 1937.

Ordered, That the said Minute do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st May 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (New Zealand) Order, 1947.

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th June 1947, further amending in certain respects the Order of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, dated 18th October 1932, as amended by subsequent Orders, providing for the government, discipline and pay of the Royal Air Force Reserve, including the Reserve of Air Force Officers and men of the Royal Air Force Reserve.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the Goods and directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copies of Orders, dated 21st June 1947, entitled—
(1) the Utility Handkerchiefs (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 5) Order, 1947.

Copy of Directions, dated 21st June 1947, entitled the Domestic Furniture (Utility Mark) (No. 2) Directions, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1947, entitled the Control of Fertilizers (No. 3) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty’s Housing Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 31st May 1947.

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.


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 24th June 1947, entitled the Carrots (1947 Crop) (No. 1) Order, 1947, and
(2) dated 25th June 1947, entitled the Milk (Non-Priority Allowance) (No. 2) Order 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the National directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Insurance.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electricity Bill Third Reading of the Electricity 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 the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

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 Yeas:—Mr. Popplewell; Mr. Drewe.

Tellers for the Noes:—Mr. Buchan-Hepburn; Mr. Barnes.

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.

Resolved, That the Agreement, dated 3rd June 1947, between His Majesty's Government and David MacBrayne, Limited, for the maintenance of certain transport services in the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for the conveyance of mails in connection with the said services, be approved.—(Mr. Barnes.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. Popplewell):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;—

TUESDAY, 1ST JULY, 1947:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Monday evening and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then four minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Swindon 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 same, without Amendment.

The Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Tyne and Wear Navigation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Nazeing Wood or Park Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Southend-on-Sea Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Glanville Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th June 1947, entitled the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 6) Regulations, 1947.

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 21st June 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 8) Order, 1947, and

(2) dated 23rd June 1947, entitled the Electric Torch Dry Batteries (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

Copy of Directions, dated 23rd June 1947, entitled the Fur Apparel (No. 11) Directions, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th June 1947, entitled the Control of Paint (Amendment) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1947, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (Amendment) (No. 5) Order, 1947.

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 26th June 1947, entitled the Potash Fertiliser (Rates of Application) (Revocation) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of an Order, dated 25th June 1947, entitled the Labelling of Food (General Licence) Order, 1947.

Copies of Orders, dated 26th June 1947,—

(1) the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 8) Order, 1947,

(2) the Canned Fruit and Vegetables (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947, and

(3) the Fruit Pulp (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.

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 follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Traction Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

In the Committee:


Class X.

Vote 3. Ministry of Food.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £173,424,216, 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 1948, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food; the cost of trading services including certain subsidies; and sundry other services.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum, not exceeding £173,424,116, be granted for the said service. —(Mr. Elliot.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Statham,

Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp : 113.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Pearson,

Captain Snow : 278.

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.

Mr. Michael Stewart reported from the Committee on Wellington Museum [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Wellington Museum.

That any Act of the present Session to transfer to the Crown Apsley House and the site, forecourt and garden thereof and certain chattels formerly belonging to the First Duke of Wellington, and, among other purposes, to provide for the use of Apsley House partly as a museum for the preservation and exhibition of the said chattels and other chattels associated with the said First Duke or his times and for other public purposes, and partly as a residence for the Dukes of Wellington, may include provision that the enactments relating to estate duty shall have effect as if, during the continuance of the Dukedom of Wellington, any portions of Apsley House made available by the said Act, were settled by Act of Parliament so that the successive Dukes of Wellington had life interests therein but were incapable of alienating the same.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Beswick, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Lee and Wellington Museum Bill [Lords].—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Casein Buttons, Buckles and Services and sundry other services. (Price Control). 1947 (S. R. & O., 1947, No. 949), dated 15th May 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of May last, be annulled. —(Mr. Spence)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:—

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Charles Taylor : 28.

Mr. Michael Stewart, Noes:—

Mr. Popplewell : 181.

So the Motion was negatived. —(Mr. Simmons.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order (Food, Fish (Licensing of Dealers and Processors) Order, 1947.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection (Wellingon Museum Bill (Lords)) (Select Committee).

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills; That they had examined the allegations of the Dudley 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, and the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Tendering Hundred Water and 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, and the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Brooks reported from the Committee on Group H of Private Bills; That they had examined the allegations of the Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils (Runcorn-Widnes Bridge, &c.) 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, and the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the National Service Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Ordered, 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 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).—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1947-48

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 Post Office for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, namely:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1947-48

Revenue Departments, Vote 3, Post Office ...
Class VII, Vote 6, Public Buildings, Great Britain ...

£10 £10

£20

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Revenue Departments, Vote 3, Post Office, be reduced by £3.—(Mr. Lennox-Boyd.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Studholme, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp : 102.

Mr. Captain Snow, Major Ramsay :

Mr. Popplewell : 258.

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 Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Cinematograph Film (Customs).

Resolved, That the Treasury shall have power by order to alter or add to section ten of the Finance Act, 1935, so as to secure that the value of exposed cinematograph film shall for the purpose of customs duties be determined in such manner as may be provided by the order.—(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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Purchase Tax (Charges) (No. 1) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1126), dated 16th June 1947, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Simmons :

Mr. Stephenson, Major Ramsay :

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Altrincham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of June last, 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 Rural District of East Dean, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of June last, 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 Kidderminster, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of June last, 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 Wallasey, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of June last, 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 Altrincham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of June last, 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 Wallasey, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of June last, 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 Stretford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of June last, 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 Stretford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of June last, 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 Wallasey, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of June last, 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 Wallasey, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of June last, 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 Wallasey, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

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.
[No. 134.]

Thursday, 3rd July, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Newhaven and Seaford Sea Defences Bill.

The Order made upon the 20th day of June last, that the Paper relative to National Health Service do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the said Return 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 2nd July 1947, entitled the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1947. 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 Report of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board for 1946. 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 30th June 1947, entitled—

(1) the Control of Paper (No. 83) Order, 1947,
(2) the Control of Paper (Revocation) Order, 1947, and
(3) the Paper (Prices) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 30th June 1947, entitled the Waste Paper and Waste Textile Materials (Prices) Order, 1947. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation) Regulations, 1947. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, a Resolution ; which was read, as followeth :

That in the case of the Borough of Croydon (Rating) [Lords'], 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.


Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Service Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next ; and be printed.

Ordered, 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. —[Mr. Herbert Morrison.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply [10th allotted Day], into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)


Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Service Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next ; and be printed.

Ordered, 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. —[Mr. Herbert Morrison.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply [10th allotted Day], into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)


Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Service Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next ; and be printed.

Ordered, 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. —[Mr. Herbert Morrison.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply [10th allotted Day], into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)


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(In the Committee.)

purpose of customs duties be determined in such manner as may be provided by the order.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to any Committee to which the Finance Bill may be re-committed, That they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order in Council, dated 21st May 1947, amending Regulation 6 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 944), a copy of which Order in Council was presented on the 22nd day of May last, be annulled—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre) ;—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Control of Borrowing Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 945), dated 21st May 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 22nd day of May last, be annulled—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre) ;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the
Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre
Sir John Mellor : 32.
Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Michael Stewart : 129.
So it passed in the Negative.

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 Friday morning;

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And the Question being put : It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 135.]

Friday, 4th July, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Tynemouth 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 Order made yesterday, That the Paper relative to National Debt be printed, was read, and discharged.

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 Huntingdon,
(2) the City of Manchester,
(3) the Urban District of Oakengates,
(4) the City of Ripon,
(5) the Borough of Wanstead and Woodford,
and
(6) the Urban District of Woking.

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 Royal Danish Government regarding the participation of a Danish Contingent in the occupation of Germany, signed at Copenhagen on the 22nd day of April 1947.

Copy of an Agreement between the Government in the United Kingdom, the United States of America and France for the regulation of coal exports from the three western zones of Germany, signed at Moscow on the 29th day of April 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of Schemes made under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Local Taxation Returns (Scotland) for the years 1935-36 to 1938-39.

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 a Petition and Draft Charter relating to the incorporation of University College, Nottingham.


Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd July 1947, amending the Order in Council of the 29th day of November 1946, concerning retired pay, pensions, and other grants for officers, ratings and nurses disabled, and for the widows and children of officers and ratings deceased, in consequence of service during the 1914 World War.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local Government Directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Herne Bay Urban District Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1947, entitled the National Health Service (Mental Deficiency) Amendment Regulations, 1947.
Copy of Rules, dated 1st July 1947, entitled the National Health Service (Mental Treatment) Amendment Rules, 1947.

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 30th June 1947, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Valuation of Compensation Units) Regulations, 1947.

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 Thirty-third Annual Report of the Board of Control (for 1946) Part I.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

The Prime Minister, supported by Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Arthur Henderson, presented a Bill to make provision for the setting up in India of two independent Dominions, to substitute other provisions for certain provisions of the Government of India Act, 1935, which apply outside those Dominions, and to provide for other matters consequential on or connected with the setting up of those Dominions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Standing Order (Procedure on application for charge on revenues of India) for the purposes of any Act relating to the civil liabilities and rights of the Crown and to civil proceedings by and against the Crown, to amend the law relating to the civil liabilities of persons other than the Crown in certain cases involving the affairs or property of the Crown, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise:

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required to be so paid by the said Act; and
(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums required to be so paid by the said Act.

(Mr. Attorney General.)

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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Foreign Marriage Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

 Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.
 Clause No. 2 agreed to.
 Clause No. 3 (Provisions as to Dominions). Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 25, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that any reference to a member of the naval, military or air forces of His Majesty shall be construed as including a reference to a member of the said forces raised in a Dominion who is temporarily attached to a British Indian Army, and to provide for purposes consequent on or connected with the setting up of those Dominions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. Attorney General acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the King to acquaint the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the proceedings on the Indian Independence Bill.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Proceedings Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. Attorney General acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the King to acquaint the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the proceedings on the Crown Proceedings Bill, is prepared to place the said Amendments into the Crown Proceedings Bill, and to provide for other matters consequential on or connected with the setting up of those Dominions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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. Attorney General, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Crown Proceedings [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 financial relations of the Crown and to civil proceedings by and against the Crown, to amend the law relating to the civil liabilities of persons other than the Crown in certain cases involving the affairs or property of the Crown, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise:

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required to be so paid by the said Act; and
(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums required to be so paid by the said Act.

(Mr. Attorney General.)

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.

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Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.
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"Provided that any reference to a member of the naval, military or air forces of His Majesty shall be construed as including a reference to a member of the said forces raised in a Dominion who is temporarily attached under subsection (a) of section four of the Visiting Forces (British Commonwealth) Act, 1933, to a part of the said forces raised in the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

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 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Snow):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Four of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, as applied by the Order made upon the 12th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.
PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters exchanged and Memorandum of Agreement regarding payments between the United Kingdom and Finland.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd July 1947, entitled the Regulations of Payments (Finland) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do 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 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 Act of Sederunt, dated 3rd July 1947, entitled the Clyde Navigation Trustees (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1947.

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 3rd July 1947, entitled the Clyde Navigation Trustees (Re-appointment of Shorthand Writers) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st July 1947, entitled the Primary and Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations, No. 3, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Seamen's Fund Winding-up Act, 1851, for 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 Luton Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Statutes of Trade Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Felixstowe Pier Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Penicillin Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate with amendments the enactments relating to the purposes of local government in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this 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. Hannan.

Mr. Simmons.

Tellers for the Noes,

Major Conant.

Major Ramsay.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Town and Country Planning (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 to the Third Schedule 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.

Third 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 Clause (Agreements regulating development and land use)—[Mr. Secretary Westwood]—was twice read; and made part of the Bill:—Another Clause (Application to land regulated by special enactments)—[The Lord Advocate]—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.
Another Clause (Acquisition of land by development Corporations under New Towns Act, 1946)—(Mr. Buchanan)—was twice read— and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Modifications of development plans in relation to land designated as subject to compulsory acquisition)—(Mr. Secretary Westwood); 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 1. 2, by leaving out the word "twelve," and inserting the word "seven"—(Mr. Thornton Kemsley)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "twelve" stand part of the proposed Clause; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the yeas, Mr. Hannan;
Tellers for the noes, Major Conant.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 8, 1. 10, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(2) The Board shall have an office in Scotland and shall maintain there such staff as may be necessary for the proper performance of their functions under this Act —(Mr. Secretary Westwood)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "for" stand part of the proposed Amendment; It passed in the Negative.

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. Hannan;
Tellers for the 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. 4, 1. 14, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(3) For the purposes of this section a development plan may define as an area of comprehensive development any area which in the opinion of the local planning authority should be developed or redeveloped as a whole, whether for the purpose of dealing satisfactorily with extensive war damage or conditions of bad layout or obsolete development, or for the purpose of providing for the relocation of population or industry or the replacement of open space in the course of the development or redevelopment of any other area, or for any other purpose specified in the plan; and land may be included in any area so defined, and designated as subject to compulsory acquisition in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section whether or not provision is made by the plan for the development or redevelopment of that particular land.—(The Lord Advocate.)

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 1. 15, by leaving out the word "and," and inserting the words "but no"—(Mr. James Reid)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "and" stand part of the proposed Amendment;—
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the yeas, Mr. Collindridge,
Yeas, Mr. Hannan;
Tellers for the noes, Mr. Studholme,
Noes, Major Conant.

So 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. 7, 1. 36, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(a) that before preparing a development plan or proposals for alterations or additions to any such plan the local planning authority shall consult with such bodies or persons as may be prescribed by the regulations.—(Mr. Secretary Westwood.)

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 in particular, if the regulations so prescribe, with the agricultural executive committee for each county in which any land affected by the plan is situated."—(Commander Galbraith.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added to the proposed Amendment; It passed in the Negative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, 1. 10, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(3) If as the result of any objections or representations considered, or of any local inquiry or other hearing held, in connection with a development plan or proposals for amendment of such a plan submitted to or prepared by the Secretary of State under this Part of this Act, the Secretary of State is of opinion that the local planning authority or any other authority or person ought to be consulted before he decides whether to approve or make the plan either with or without modifications, or to amend the plan, as the case may be, he shall consult that authority or person; but shall not be under any obligation to consult any other authority or person, or to afford any opportunity for further objections or representations or to cause any further local inquiry or other hearing to be held.—(The Lord Advocate.)

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 1. 72, by leaving out from the word "considered," to the word "in," in 1. 3.—(Mr. Thornton Kemsley.)
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.

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. 10, l. 8, by leaving out the word "mining."—(Mr. Thornton-Kemsley.)

And the Question being put, That the word "mining" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Snow, Mr. Popplewell: Yeas, 241.
Tellers for the Mr. Studholme, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp:
Noes, 68.

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. 23, l. 35, by leaving out the words "purposes," and inserting the words "class or classes of purpose."—(Mr. James Reid),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "purposes" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Snow, Mr. Popplewell:
Yees, 230.
Tellers for the Mr. Studholme, Lieutenant-Colonel Agnew:
Noes, 73.

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. 23, l. 33, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "within two years after such development is carried out."—(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. 34, l. 44, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that no person having any pecuniary interest in the business of advertising shall be a member of such tribunal."—(Commander Galbraith.)

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. 43, l. 26, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and where any such building is acquired under this subsection the local planning authority shall not execute, or cause or permit to be executed, any works for the demolition of the building or for its alteration or extension which would substantially affect its character."—(Mr. Thornton-Kemsley.)

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. 43, l. 26, by inserting, at the end thereof the words—

"(5) An authorisation may be given under this section notwithstanding that a clearance order or a demolition order has been made under section sixteen of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1930."—(Commander Galbraith.)

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. 53, l. 25, by inserting, after the word "section," the words "or the interest to be acquired is the interest of an owner-occupier of a building within the meaning of this section."—(Mr. Thornton-Kemsley.)

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, Yeas, Major Ramsay:
Mr. Michael Stewart,
Noes, Mr. Hannan:

186.

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. 60, l. 9, by leaving out from the word "interests," to the word "of," in l. 10.—(Mr. James Reid.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The House proceeded to a Division:—

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

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The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Simmons, Yeas, Mr. Hannan:
Noes, Commander Agnew, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp:

146.

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. 62, l. 41, by leaving out paragraph (c).—(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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 63, l. 14, by leaving out the word "different" and inserting the words "adjacent or contiguous."—(Mr. James Reid),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "different" 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. 84, l. 36, by leaving out from the word "has," to the end of l. 42,
inserting the words "otherwise sustained loss or damage which is directly attributable to the refusal or conditions, that authority shall pay to the applicant compensation equal to that expenditure, loss or damage."—[Mr. Thornton-Kemsley], 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. 85, l. 43, by leaving out, from the beginning, to the end of l. 5, on p. 86, and inserting the words—

"he shall certify accordingly:

Provided that if it appears to the Secretary of State that proceedings should be taken with a view to the revocation of the permission granted or deemed to be granted as aforesaid he may postpone the issue of a certificate pending the taking of such proceedings, and if the permission is revoked he shall not be required to issue the certificate.

(2) Where a certificate is issued under this section, then—

(a) in calculating for the purpose of Part IV of this Act the development value of any interest in the land to which the certificate relates, no account shall be taken of any value attributable to the prospects of the development specified in the certificate; and

(b) no development charge shall be payable under Part V of this Act in respect of that development if carried out within such period, if any, as may be prescribed by the certificate.—[The Lord Advocate], 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.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Unrepealed Provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945. Reprinted as Amended by this Act)—(Mr. Buchanan)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day; and be printed.

Bill 03.

Adjourment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Collingridge.]

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 137.]

Tuesday, 8th July, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Improvements) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Glendower Hall presented, pursuant to the Superannuation Act, directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 5th July 1947, directing that Mr. John Hinselwood Gibson shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (t) of Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd July 1947, entitled the Regulation of Payments (Czechoslovakia) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Merchant Navy Act, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Shipping. Copies of Orders in Council, dated 3rd July 1947, declaring that the Union of South Africa has acceded to—

(1) the Load Line Convention, and

(2) the Safety Convention.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd July 1947, approving an Admiralty Memorial sanctioned by the Active Service Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the Cinematograph Films Council (Relating to the Ban on certain Films), the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of the Ninth Report of the Cinematograph Films Council (relating to the year ended the 31st day of March 1947).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 1st July 1947, entitled—

(1) the New Towns (Contemporary Procedure) Regulations, 1947, and


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Rules, dated 2nd July 1947, entitled Supreme Court of Judicature (Non-Contentious Probate Rules, 1947).
Orders, &c.

Trade Bill.

Statistics of allotted Day].

the House.

Business of Adjournment.

Bill 94.

there are no reasons for drawing the special instant July, and are of the opinion that of which was presented on the 3rd day of this last, and the Draft of the National Health Service (Superannuation) Regulations, 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 3rd 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Statistics of Trade Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Foreign Marriage 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, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.) Civil Estimates, 1947-48. Class I. Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £1,600,811, 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 1948, for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of His Majesty’s Treasury and Subordinate Departments, including additional salary payable to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the expenses of representation in India.

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 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. Whiteley); And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Foreign Marriage Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.) Clause No. 3 (Provisions as to Dominions). Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 25, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that any reference to a member of the naval, military or air forces of His Majesty shall be construed as including a reference to a member of the said forces raised in a Dominion who is temporarily attached under subsection (2) of section four of the Visiting Forces (British Commonwealth) Act, 1933, to a part of the said forces raised in the United Kingdom."

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Question put, and agreed to. Clause, as amended, agreed to. Clauses Nos. 4 to 7 agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be 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.

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 Ripon, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant July, 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 Huntingdon, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant July, 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 Oakengates, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant July, 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 Oakengates, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)
Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 2 of the Sunday Entertainment Acts, 1932, to the Urban District of Woking, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant July, be approved. (Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 2 of the Sunday Entertainment Acts, 1932, to the City of Manchester, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant July, be approved. (Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

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 ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Inverness Burgh: And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant July.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd July 1947, entitled the Emergency Powers (Defence) Road Vehicles and Drivers (Amendment) Order, 1947. 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 7th July 1947, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Regulation of Manufacture) (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1947. 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 4th July 1947, entitled the National Insurance (Voluntary Contributors) Regulations, 1947. Ordered, that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Sunderland Committee on Unopposed Bills; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Sunderland Corporation Bill [Lords], and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; 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 City of London Committee on Unopposed Bills; That they had examined the allegations of the City of London (Tithes) 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 Select Committee on the Wellington Museum Bill [Lords]. That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; 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 from the Select Committee on the Wellington Museum Bill [Lords]. That they had examined the allegations of the words “County of London”, and inserting the words “City of Westminster”, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them to the House.

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 Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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 Wellington Museum Bill [Lords] have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. Benson accordingly reported from the said Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report:—And the same was read, as followeth:

Your Committee feel that the proposed division of Apsley House by Act of Parliament, while satisfactory under present conditions, may not meet future needs, and recommend that there should be discussion between the Crown and the Duke of Wellington as to whether provision should not be made in the Bill for alteration in the details of the Second Schedule by any future agreement.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Local Government (Scotland) 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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to constitute a Joint Board consisting of representatives of the County Council of the Administrative County of Cumberland the Urban District Councils of Cockermouth Maryport and Penrith and the Rural District Council of Border Cockermouth and Penrith to authorise the Board to execute works and to acquire lands and easements and to supply water; and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Northumberland Water Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Finance Bill, as amended, may be considered immediately after the re-committal of the Bill and Report thereof notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the interval between the various stages of such a Bill.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee:—

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 6, p. 6, ll. 33 and 45; of the first Amendment to Clause No. 8, p. 7, l. 14; of the Amendments to Clause No. 8, p. 7, ll. 15 and 18; of the new Clauses (Rate of excise duty on motor cars (other than electrically propelled)) and (Imported films); of the Amendment to the Third Schedule, p. 61, l. 37, and of the second Amendment to the Fourth Schedule, p. 63, l. 33, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 6 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Commencement of two preceding sections, and saving).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 14, after the word " operation," to insert the words—" (a) except in so far as they relate to road vehicles."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, 273.Mr. Hannan: Major Ramsay, 128.Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp:

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause (Rate of excise duty on motor cars (other than electrically propelled))—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 3, to leave out from the word " Act," to the word " not," in l. 5.—(Mr. Alfred Edwards.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause added.

Another Clause (Imported films)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Third Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 61, l. 37, at the end, to add the words—

" 3. Mechanically propelled road vehicles constructed or adapted solely or mainly for the carriage of passengers, or having, to the rear of the driver’s seat, roofed accommodation lit by side windows and fitted with, or constructed or adapted for the fitting of, seating for passengers, being vehicles of a retail value of more than one thousand two hundred and eighty pounds the vehicle"—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 2, to leave out from the word " passengers," to the word " being," in l. 4.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Popplewell, 280.Mr. Poppleswell: Major Ramsay, 118.

Proposed words there added.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Fourth 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 two Clauses to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Relief for pensioners in respect of increase in tobacco duty)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer); 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. 42, by inserting, after "1936," the words "including persons excepted under paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section twelve of that Act"—(Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted; the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the \{ Major Conant, Major Ramsay : \} \{ 118. \\
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Hannon : \} \{ 205. \\

So it passed in the Negative.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause offered to be added to the Bill (Relief for pensioners in respect of increase in electric and gas appliances)—(Mr. George Strauss)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Adjustment of rights between seller and buyer under certain sales of vehicles)—(Mr. George Strauss)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Exemption from tax of training expenses allowances and bounties to employees of bodies corporate)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Reduction of duty and other benefit schemes)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Stanley.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration this day.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes before One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 139.]

Thursday, 10th July, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Thursday, 10th July, 1947:

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords on the Felixstowe Pier 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 Amendment made by the Lords to the London County Council (Money) 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 Dundee Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Bill, to-morrow.
Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th July 1947, entitled the Regulation of Payments (Egypt and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons for 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order in Council entitled the Government of India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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 7th July 1947, entitled the Housing (Rate of Interest on Expenses of Execution of Works) Amendment Order (Scotland), 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 3rd July 1947, entitled

(1) the Eastern African Court of Appeal (Amendment) Order in Council, 1947,
(2) the Northern Rhodesia (Amendment) Order in Council, 1947, and
(3) the Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Privy Council Appeals) Order in Council, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd July 1947, entitled the Regulations for State Scholarships and University Supplemental Awards, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Butcher reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Companies Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to companies and unit trusts amended, and to dealing in securities, and in connection therewith to amend the law of bankruptcy and the law relating to the registration of business names.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Group J of Private Bills, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had amended the Title as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Industrial Organisation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Industrial Organisation Bill, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the surpluses and deficits upon Navy, Army and Air Grants for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, and the application of surplus receipts realised under certain Votes for Navy, Army and Air Services towards making good deficits in receipts under other Votes in the respective Departments.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy, Army and Air Departments which were presented upon the 21st day of January last, be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. —(Captain Snow.)
Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1947, entitled the Importation of Pears (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Secretary Westwood, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being 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 declines to give a Third Reading to a Bill which subjects the development of Scotland to the control of a Land Board located in London and to the veto of the President of the Board of Trade; which denies to an owner compensation as of right for the loss of development value and establishes no principle for the division of the fund which is to be set aside to meet cases of hardship; and which, by the removal of incentives to development and by the imposition of charges of an indeterminate amount, will hinder any policy for the full employment of the Scottish people."—(Mr. Thornton-Kemsley)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Michael Stewart reported from the Committee on Crown Proceedings [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 civil liabilities and rights of the Crown and to civil proceedings by and against the Crown, to amend the law relating to the civil liabilities of persons other than the Crown in certain cases involving the affairs or property of the Crown, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise:

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required to be so paid by the said Act; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums required to be so paid by the said Act.

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The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Crown Proceedings Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Right to sue the Crown). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, after the word "Act," to insert the words "or might have been the subject of a declaratory judgment under the Rules of the Supreme Court."—(Mr. Turner-Samuels.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Liability of the Crown in tort). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, after the word "law," to insert the words "or under any statute."—(Mr. James Reid.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Liability in connection with postal packets).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 39, after the word "employed," to insert the words "or unless such servant or agent shall have been guilty of wilful neglect or default and loss or damage has been occasioned thereby."—(Mr. Turner-Samuels.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 45, to leave out from the word "telegram," to the end of l. 4, on p. 7.—(Mr. Jowsey-Hicks.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 9, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Jowsey-Hicks.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "of," in l. 12, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Provisions relating to the armed forces).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 10, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Hogg.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Suing in respect of acts done under prerogative and statutory powers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 48, to leave out from the word "four," to the word "issue," in p. 10, l. 1, and insert the words "defence of the realm."—(Mr. James Reid.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Transitional provisions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 10, to leave out the word "forty-seven," and insert the word "forty-six."—(Mr. Hopkin Morris.)

Question proposed, That the word "forty-seven" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 13 to 18 agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Venue and related matters).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words "unless the court or judge at the instance of any party orders otherwise."—(Mr. Turner-Samuels.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 13, to leave out subsections (2) and (3).—(Mr. Turner-Samuels.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 20 to 22 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 23 and 25 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 26 and 28 to 33 agreed to.

Clause No. 34 (Rules of court and county court rules).

Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 36, to leave out paragraphs (c) and (d).—(Mr. Asterley Jones.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 37 to 43 agreed to.

Clause No. 44 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 46 to 49 agreed to.

Clause No. 44 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 13 to 18 agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Venue and related matters).

Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 44, to leave out the words "save as aforesaid expressly provided."—(Mr. Turner-Samuels.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 37 to 43 agreed to.

Clause No. 44 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 46 to 49 agreed to.

Clause No. 50 disagreed to.

Clause No. 51 agreed to.

A Clause (Proceedings in courts other than the High Court and county courts)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Provisions as to Northern Ireland)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Interest on debts, damages and costs)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Attachment of moneys payable by the Crown)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, and read the first and second time; amended, by leaving out II. 21 and 22—(Mr. James Reid)—and, as amended, added.

Another Clause (Financial provisions)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

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 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 141.]
Monday, 14th July, 1947:

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.

The Order made upon the 10th day of June last, that the Paper relative to Parks and Gardens do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.


Ordered, That the said Paper 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 Urban District of Chesham,
2. the Urban District of Leatherhead,
3. the Urban District of Letchworth,
4. the County Borough of Oldham,
5. the Urban District of Tring, and
6. the City of Wakefield.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled The Colonial Empire (1939–1947).

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 7th July 1947, entitled the Rubber Footwear (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

Copy of Directions, dated 8th July 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Outerwear, (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions, 1947.

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 8th July 1947, entitled the Control of Non-Ferrous Metals (No. 29) Order, (Copper, Lead and Zinc) Order, 1947.

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 a Draft of Regulations entitled the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

1. dated 5th July 1947, entitled the Imported Fruit and Vegetables (Amendment) Order, 1947, and
2. dated 10th July 1947, entitled the Cereal Breakfast Foods (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Indian Independence Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 3 and 4, amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 5 to 20 agreed to.
First to Third 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 thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy, Army and Air Expenditure, 1945–46.
Total Surpluses, viz.:—

- Surpluses of actual as compared with estimated receipts (Votes 2-6 and 8-10) — 55,166,563 £ 4 2
- Deduct—Sum to be surrendered to the Exchequer in respect of the Excess of receipts over the total of Appropriations-in-Aid authorised by Parliament - 8,215,954 5 7
- Total Surpluses, viz.:— Surpluses of actual as compared with estimated receipts (Votes 2-15) — 46,950,608 £ 16 9

Total Deficits, viz.:—

- Deficiencies of actual as compared with estimated receipts (Votes 1 and 7) - 46,950,638 £ 16 9
- Excesses of actual over estimated gross expenditure - 721,843,250 £ 15 11
- Total Deficits, viz.:— Deficiencies of actual as compared with estimated receipts (Vote 1) - 188,365,139 £ 3 11
- Excesses of actual over estimated gross expenditure - 1,309,573,733 £ 17 2
- Total Deficit charged to the Vote of Credit - 1,498,239,863 £ 12 2

Net Deficit charged to the Vote of Credit £1,467,988,187 £ 3 4

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of surplus receipts realised under Votes 2 to 15 towards making good the deficit in receipts under Vote 1.

2. Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned. (Mr. Glendvill Hall.)

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| No. of Vote | Navy Votes, 1943-46 | |
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|             | Excesses of actual over estimated gross Expenditure | Surpluses of actual as compared with estimated Receipts | |
| 1           | £ 4,660,938 15 9 | £ 4,660,938 15 9 | £ 4,660,938 15 9 |
| 2           | £ 5,385,827 2 5 | £ 5,385,827 2 5 | £ 5,385,827 2 5 |
| 3           | £ 5,064 2 5 | £ 5,064 2 5 | £ 5,064 2 5 |
| 4           | £ 90,878,908 9 2 | £ 90,878,908 9 2 | £ 90,878,908 9 2 |
| 5           | £ 251,317 1,228 | £ 251,317 1,228 | £ 251,317 1,228 |
| 6           | £ 1,554,569 1 8 | £ 1,554,569 1 8 | £ 1,554,569 1 8 |
| 7           | £ 92,989 4 6 | £ 92,989 4 6 | £ 92,989 4 6 |
| 8           | £ 324,750 5 10 | £ 324,750 5 10 | £ 324,750 5 10 |
| 9           | £ 1,457,700 14 7 | £ 1,457,700 14 7 | £ 1,457,700 14 7 |
| 10          | £ 1,554,569 1 8 | £ 1,554,569 1 8 | £ 1,554,569 1 8 |
| 11          | £ 2,932,728 6 6 | £ 2,932,728 6 6 | £ 2,932,728 6 6 |
| 12          | £ 73,983,901 7 9 | £ 73,983,901 7 9 | £ 73,983,901 7 9 |
| 13          | £ 1,356,747 17 7 | £ 1,356,747 17 7 | £ 1,356,747 17 7 |
| 15          | £ 1,491,235 12 12 | £ 1,491,235 12 12 | £ 1,491,235 12 12 |
| 16          | £ 43,727,095 10 8 | £ 43,727,095 10 8 | £ 43,727,095 10 8 |
| 17          | £ 1,309,573,733 17 2 | £ 1,309,573,733 17 2 | £ 1,309,573,733 17 2 |
| 18          | £ 46,950,638 16 9 | £ 46,950,638 16 9 | £ 46,950,638 16 9 |

Net Deficit charged from Vote of Credit £2,510,780,838 £ 5 4

III. Whereas it appears by the Air Services Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946, that as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the total surpluses and deficits on Army Votes for that year are as follows:—

| No. of Vote | Army Votes, 1943-46 | |
|-------------|---------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|
|             | Excesses of actual over estimated gross Expenditure | Surpluses of actual as compared with estimated Receipts | |
| 1           | £ 570,438,841 15 11 | £ 570,438,841 15 11 | £ 570,438,841 15 11 |
| 2           | £ 1,554,569 1 8 | £ 1,554,569 1 8 | £ 1,554,569 1 8 |
| 3           | £ 1,356,747 17 7 | £ 1,356,747 17 7 | £ 1,356,747 17 7 |
| 4           | £ 324,750 5 10 | £ 324,750 5 10 | £ 324,750 5 10 |
| 5           | £ 1,457,700 14 7 | £ 1,457,700 14 7 | £ 1,457,700 14 7 |
| 6           | £ 1,554,569 1 8 | £ 1,554,569 1 8 | £ 1,554,569 1 8 |
| 7           | £ 2,932,728 6 6 | £ 2,932,728 6 6 | £ 2,932,728 6 6 |
| 8           | £ 73,983,901 7 9 | £ 73,983,901 7 9 | £ 73,983,901 7 9 |
| 9           | £ 1,356,747 17 7 | £ 1,356,747 17 7 | £ 1,356,747 17 7 |
| 10          | £ 43,727,095 10 8 | £ 43,727,095 10 8 | £ 43,727,095 10 8 |
| 11          | £ 1,309,573,733 17 2 | £ 1,309,573,733 17 2 | £ 1,309,573,733 17 2 |

Net Deficit charged from Vote of Credit £2,510,780,838 £ 5 4

(14th July. 1947)
And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of surplus receipts realised under Votes 2 to 11 towards making good the deficit in receipts under Vote 1.

3. Resolved, That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned. (Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Schedule.

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Total Net Deficit met from Vote of Credit £521,730,838 5 4

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.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 15th July, 1947.

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.:

North Cumberland Water Board Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dudley 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 Tending Hundred Water and Gas 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 an Order, dated 11th July 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback). Order, 1947.

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, entitled the Metropolitan Police Staffs Superannuation (Unestablished Service) Order, 1947.

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 1947, entitled the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Sales by Auction and Sales by Tender) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Water directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th July 1947, entitled the Metropolitan Northern Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1947, together with 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Transport Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Transport Bill, Lords to the Transport Bill be taken into Bill 102, consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be suspended, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for One hour after Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Indian Independence Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the 17th day of June 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Report of the Committee of Privileges, and in particular declares that it is inconsistent with the dignity of the House, with the duty of a Member to his constituents, and with the maintenance of the privilege of freedom of speech, for any Member of this House to enter into any contractual agreement with an outside body, controlling or limiting the Member's complete independence and freedom of action in Parliament or stipulating that he shall act in any way as the representative of such outside body in regard to any matters to be transacted in Parliament; the duty of a Member being to his constituents and to the country as a whole, rather than to any particular section thereof.—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1. t. by leaving out the word "agrees," and inserting the word "disagrees"—(Mr. Pickthorn), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "agrees," stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the {Mr. Kinley, {Mr. Glenvil Hall; 275-}

Tellers for the {Mr. Pickthorn, {Mr. Henry Strauss: 174-}

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House agrees with the Report of the Committee of Privileges, and in particular declares that it is inconsistent with the dignity of the House, with the duty of a Member to his constituents, and with the maintenance of the privilege of freedom of speech, for any Member of this House to enter into any contractual agreement with an outside body, controlling or limiting the Member's complete independence and freedom of action in Parliament or stipulating that he shall act in any way as the representative of such outside body in regard to any matters to be transacted in Parliament; the duty of a Member being to his constituents and to the country as a whole, rather than to any particular section thereof.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Taylor).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Civil Command,—Revised Estimate of the sums required in the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, for the Commonwealth Relations Office and Commonwealth Services (formerly No. 130. the Dominions Office and Dominions Services respectively).

Revised Estimate of the further sum required in the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, for Commonwealth Services (formerly Dominion Services).

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—(1) dated 12th July 1947, entitled the Regulation of Payments (General) (No. 3) Order, 1947, and

(2) dated 14th July 1947, entitled the Regulation of Payments (Sweden) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; that the other Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimates be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesties Command,—Copy of an Agreement (No. 54, 1947) between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Italian Government for the Recruitment of Italian Workers for Employment in Foundries in the United Kingdom, signed at Rome between the 11th day of January and the 30th day of May 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 9th July 1947, entitled,—(1) the Regulations for Technical State Scholarships, 1947, and

(2) the State Scholarships (Mature Students) Regulations, 1947.

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 11th July 1947, entitled the Soft Fruit (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 11th July, 1947, entitled the Meat (Rationing) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Sillitoe presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the National Parks Committee.

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:

Accounts of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Wales for the year ended the 31st day of December 1946, and from the 24th day of September 1924 to the 31st day of December 1946, in respect of transactions under the Welsh Church Act, 1914, and the Welsh Church (Temporalities) Act, 1929, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Group J of Private Bills; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Nazeing Wood or Park 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Southend-on-Sea Corporation Bill (Lords), and verbally amended the same, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments 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. 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 B: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:


The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to alter the dates as from which amendments of the valuation list of the borough of Croydon in respect of certain hereditaments in that borough shall take effect: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Borough of Croydon (Rating) Bill Borough of Croydon [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, proceeded to the Finance Bill, to take into further consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-committal.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Industrial and provident societies)—(Mr. Glennis Hall) ; 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.

And the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of limit on amount allowable as deduction in respect of directors' remuneration)—(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. 7, by adding at the end thereof the words "and for the words 'fifteen thousand pounds,' there shall be substituted the words 'twenty-five thousand pounds,'"—(Colonel Crossthwaite-Eyre).

And the Question being put that those words be there added to the proposed Clause.

It passed in the Negative.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Relief from estate duty on bearer securities compulsorily registered)—(Mr. Glenvil Hall)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Repeal or reduction of duties on legal professions)—(Mr. Solicitor General) ; and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, amended by adding at the end thereof the words "(4) This section shall be deemed to have come into operation on the sixth day of April nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that any stamp duty has on or after that date become payable and been paid at the rates in force apart from the provisions of this section, the Commissioners shall repay to the person who paid that duty the difference between the duty which was paid and the duty (if any) payable by virtue of this section,"—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—and, as amended, made part of the Bill.
Another Clause (Exemption of transfers of stock guaranteed by Treasury)—(Mr. Gwensil Hall)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Allowances for obsolescence of buildings)—(Sir John Mellor); 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 (Changes in classes of goods or in rate for purposes of purchase tax)—(Mr. Peake); 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. Studholme, Yeas, Major Ramsay; Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes, Mr. Hannan; 89.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Post-war refunds of excess profits tax)—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth); 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. 22, 1. 7, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “for cash.”—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in 1. 3, by leaving out the words “for cash.”—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 8, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “other than in respect of arrears of fixed preference dividends.”—(Mr. Pittman), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “bonus,” 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. 6, by leaving out from the word “that,” to the end of l. 10, p. 37, and inserting the words—

(a) the further duty shall not be charged on any legacy or succession given or created for public or charitable purposes, and

(b) in all other cases this section shall take effect in the case of legacy duty only where the testator by whose will the legacy is given or the intestate on whose death the legacy duty is payable dies on or after the sixteenth day of April nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and, in the case of a succession arising through devolution by law, only where the succession arises on or after that date—(Captain Crookshank),—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. 44, l. 7, by leaving out the word “bonus,” and inserting the words “capitalization of profit balances otherwise distributable in dividend”—(Mr. Pitman), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “bonus,” stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Popplewell, Yeas, Mr. Simons; Tellers for the Mr. Studholme, Noes, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp; 257.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 44, l. 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

(4) A company may deliver to the Commissioners a statement prior to issuing any securities or varying the rights or liabilities attached to any securities previously issued as mentioned in subsection (1) of this section...
together with a declaration that such proposed issue or variation of rights or liabilities does not contain any element of bonus as mentioned in that subsection or an estimate of what in its opinion is the value of the bonus which would be likely to arise by reason of the proposed issues or variations of rights or liabilities in accordance with the principles of the next two succeeding sections and on the receipt thereof the Commissioners shall soon as may be confirm the declaration or estimate or assess an alternative value of the bonus and if the company accepts the value so assessed by the Commissioners the duty charged by subsection (2) of this section shall be assessed in accordance with such confirmation estimate or assessment and no further claim shall be made on the company in respect thereof."—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Mr. Studholme,

Yeas: 92.

Tellers for the Mr. Popplewell,

Noes: 248.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Purchase Tax: Exemptions, and Reductions of Rates)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Schedule (Purchase Tax: Amendments of Seventh Schedules to Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, and Finance Act, 1942, consequential on exemptions and reductions of rates provided by Fifth Schedule)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 129), dated 23rd June 1947, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Gleeniv 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 Urban District of Letchworth, a copy of which Order was presented on the 14th day of this instant July, 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 Oldham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 14th day of this instant July, 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 Tring, a copy of which Order was presented on the 14th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 144.] Thursday, 17th July, 1947:

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Inverness Burgh Order Confirmation Inverness Burgh Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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 Uruguay concerning the regulation of Payments, signed at London on the 15th day of July 1947 (with Notes exchanged) (The Agreement has not yet been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on Treaty Series the 14th day of July 1947, supplementary to the Monetary Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Swedish Government, dated 6th March 1945 (with Letters exchanged).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Steadley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 11th July 1947, entitled—(1) The Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1947,
(2) The Rationing (Personal Points) Order, 1947,
(3) The Bacon (Rationing) Order, 1947,
(4) The Bread (Rationing) Order, 1947,
(5) The Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1947,
(6) The Meat (Rationing) Order, 1947, and
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clement Davies, Member for the County of Montgomery, 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 immediate reduction in the allocation of newspaper to the Press, and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under the Standing Order (Motion for Adjournment on Matter of Urgent Public Importance) 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.]

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be expedited, 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.

(Standing Order.)
Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £55, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services relating to the Civil Situation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, namely:—
Class VI., Vote 6, Ministry of Fuel and Power—£50
Class X., Vote 5, Ministry of Fuel and Power (War Services)—£20
Class VI., Vote 13, Ministry of Transport—£50
Class X., Vote 4, Ministry of Transport (War Services)—£50
Class V., Vote 4, Ministry of Labour and National Service—£50
Class V., Vote 4, Ministry of Labour and National Service (Supplementary Estimate) (New Service)—£55

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Clement Davies;]
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right ;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. R. Eyres, Mr. W. Roberts ;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell : 234.
So it passed in the Negative.

Then the House again resolved itself into Supply.

(Standing Order.)
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. Speaker resumed the Chair; and reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Service 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. Michael Stewart reported, from the Navy, Army Committee on Navy, Army and Air Expenditure, 1945–46, 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 1946, that, as shown...
in the Schedule herunto appended, the total surpluses and deficits on Navy Votes for that year are as follows:—

Total Surpluses, viz. —

Surpluses of actual as compared with estimated receipts (Votes 2-6 and 8-16) — — — 55,109,623 12 4

Deduct — Sum to be surrendered to the Exchequer in respect of the Excess of receipts over the total of Appropriations-in-Aid authorised by Parliament — — — 8,125,984 15 7

Total Surpluses, viz. —

Surpluses of actual as compared with estimated receipts (Votes 1 and 7) — — — 46,980,638 16 9

Net Deficit charged to the Vote of Credit £721,843,260 11 11

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of such surpluses realised under Votes 2 to 15 towards making good the deficit in receipts under Votes 1 and 7.

i. That the application of such surpluses be sanctioned.

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Total Surpluses, viz. —

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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of surplus receipts realised under Votes 2 to 11 towards making good the deficit in receipts under Vote 1, 3.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

A MOTION being made, That the Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils (Runcorn-Widnes Bridge, &c.) 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.

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.

Orderd, 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.

A Motion being made, That the Tending Hundred Water and Gas Bill [Lords] be now read the third time; A verbal Amendment was made to the Bill, 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.

Orderd, 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.

A verbal Amendment was made to the Bill. Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Michael Stewart.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded Inverness to take into consideration the Inverness Burgh Order Confirmation Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled Federation of Malaya (Summary of Revised Constitutional Proposals). 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 14th July 1947, entitled the Floor Coverings (Control of Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1947. 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) Bexhill Town Council.
(2) Chingford Borough Council.
(3) Chislehurst and Sidcup Urban District Council.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
(4) Halesowen Borough Council.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food).
Mr. Strachie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th July, 1947, entitled the Feeding Stuff (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Accounts (Second Report).
Ordered, That the Second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts be taken into consideration upon Monday next.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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 Agriculture (Emergency Payments) Bill, without any Amendment.

Helston and Porthleven Water Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Helston and Porthleven Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Foreign Marriage Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Finance Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Finance Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;
A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:
Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.
Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned, Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Isle of Man Harbours Act, 1947.

And the Question being put, That the Finance Bill, Finance Bill be now read the third time:—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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Daines);
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. Hanham):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed after Four of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 15th day of November last, as applied by the Order made upon the 12th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 146.]

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills (Lords) [No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable].

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Copy of a Proclamation issued on the 20th day of June 1947, 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. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a University Court Ordinance, No. 239 (No. 48 of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen) (Foundation of the MacLeod-Smith Chair of Biological Chemistry). 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 Scheme made by Trinity College, Cambridge, for administering certain funds of the College. 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 15th July 1947, entitled the Essential Work (Dock Labour Orders) (Revocation) Order, 1947. 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 15th July 1947, entitled the London Traffic (Station Parade, Gerrards Cross) (Amendment) Regulations, 1947. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Motion was made, and the Question having been proposed, That this House do now adjourn ;—And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And the Question being put, That the words “Accounts,” to the end of the Question.

...
The North Cumberland Water Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order made upon the 15th day of this instant July, That the Paper relative to Water do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of His Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary for the year ended the 29th day of September 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th July 1947, entitled the National Fire Service (Alteration of Fire Areas) (Scotland) Regulations, 1947.

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 16th July 1947, entitled the Utility Bedding (Maximum Prices) (No. 5) Order, 1947.

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 10th July 1947, entitled the Metropolitan Northern Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1947, 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.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, (1) dated 16th July 1947, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1947, (2) dated 17th July 1947, entitled the Soft Drinks (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947, and (3) dated 17th July 1947, entitled the Tapioca and Sago (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

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 1946 of the Undertaking given by the Association for the purpose of limiting the charges to employers in respect of Employers' Liability Insurance.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords,

Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows :—

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils (Runcorn-Widnes Bridge, &c.) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Dudley Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tendring Hundred Water and Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding Business of 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.)


Class IV.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £12,042,080, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, for public education in Scotland, including certain grants in aid of the Education (Scotland) Fund; for the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, including a grant in aid; and for a grant in aid of the education of Poles.—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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 Fisheries, Scotland, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, namely:—


Class VI., Vote 23, Fisheries, Scotland - £10
Class VI., Vote 24, Herring Industry - £10
Class X., Vote 3, Ministry of Food - £10
Class VI., Vote 1, Board of Trade - £10

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 reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education (Exemptions) (Scotland) 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.

The Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—[Mr. Popplewell.]

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—[Mr. Popplewell.]

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 148.]

Wednesday, 23rd July, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Helston and Porthleven Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Helston and Porthleven 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.

Ordered, That Standing Order 108 relating to Private Business (Notice of Second Reading) be suspended and that the Borough of Croydon (Rating) Bill be read a second time forthwith.—[The Chairman of Ways and Means.]

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 115 (Notices to Members of Committees), 177 (Time between Committal and Sitting of the Committee) and 199 (Notice of Committee) relating to Private Business be suspended; and that one clear day's notice be given by the Clerk to the Committee of Selectors or the Clerk to the Committee on the Bill, as the case may require, of the day and hour appointed for the sitting of the Committee on the Bill.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Gleen Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Direction, dated 22nd July 1947, given by the Treasury under Regulation 14 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939.

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 19th July 1947, entitled the Control of Rubber (No. 28) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silk was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—[Mr. Popplewell.]

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, 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.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood reported from the Select Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the Matter of the Complaint made upon the 16th day of April last, by Mr. Hogg, Member for the Borough of Oxford, of the publication in the World's Press News newspaper of the 3rd day of April 1947 of an article purporting to be written by Mr. Garry Allighan, Member for the County of Kent (Gravesend Division), containing passages reflecting on the conduct of Members of this House, which, he submitted, constituted a breach of the privileges of this House, 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.

Mr. John Ward reported from the Select Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the Matter of the Complaint made upon the 16th day of April last, by Mr. Hogg, Member for the Borough of Oxford, of the publication in the World's Press News newspaper of the 3rd day of April 1947 of an article purporting to be written by Mr. Garry Allighan, Member for the County of Kent (Gravesend Division), containing passages reflecting on the conduct of Members of this House, which, he submitted, constituted a breach of the privileges of this House, 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. Naylor reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports, that they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Glenny 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.

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. Simmons,
Major Conant,
Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp:
284.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Popplewell:
116.

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 Transport Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 30, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 30, at end, insert—
"Provided that the Minister shall not give to the Commission a direction in relation to any matter the effect of which, taking one year with another, will be or will be likely to be, that the revenue of the Commission will be less than sufficient for the meeting of charges properly chargeable to revenue, unless the Minister shall at the time of the giving of such direction notify the Commission that it is given in the interests of national security."); the next 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. Barnes):

The Lords Amendment, in p. 7, l. 36, leave out from (" be ") to (" but ") in l. 37, and insert (" decided by the Commission "); the next 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. Barnes):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Mr. Hannan:
Major Ramsay,
Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp:
904.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Barnes:
143.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 7, l. 37, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 7, l. 40, after the second (" Executive ") insert (" the Scottish Transport Executive "), the next Amendment, being read a second time; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Barnes)—And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. Whitley 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. Popplewell:
312.

Tellers for the Noes,
Major Ramsay:
129.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put; That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The Lords Amendment in p. 7, l. 41, the next Amendment, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 9, l. 13, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 9, l. 14, leave out from (" Commission ") to end of Clause, and insert (" the scheme shall include, or, where there is no such scheme, the Minister shall by order make such transitional provisions as to the parties by and against whom, legal proceedings are to be instituted or continued, and such other transitional provisions, if any, as appear to the Commission and the Minister to be expedient "); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 9, l. 19, leave out from (" Commission ") to end of Clause, and insert (" the scheme shall include, or, where there is no such scheme, the Minister shall by order make such transitional provisions as to the parties by and against whom, legal proceedings are to be instituted or continued, and such other transitional provisions, if any, as appear to the Commission and the Minister to be expedient "); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended, in p. 9, l. 20 to 24 (inclusive), and inserting the words " shall include such transitional provisions as to the parties by and against whom legal proceedings are to be instituted or continued, ...
and such other transitional provisions, if any, as appear to the Minister, or to the Commission and the Minister, as the case may be, to be expedient—(Mr. George Strauss), instead thereof.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 34, l. 14, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 34, l. 14, leave out from the beginning to the end of l. 27 on p. 35 and insert—

(5) Where the authority have, by the issue of securities, raised money wholly or partly for the purposes of the undertaking or have advanced money for those purposes out of any consolidated loans fund or mortgage loans pool established by them or out of any other moneys held by them, and, in pursuance of the arrangements in force immediately before the date of transfer for the redemption of the loan and the payment of interest thereon or, as the case may be, for the repayment of the advance and the payment of interest thereon, any amounts would, but for the vesting of the undertaking in the Commission, have fallen, on or after the date of transfer, to be debited in the accounts of the undertaking, the Commission shall, subject to the provisions of this section, pay those amounts to the authority at the times at which, but for the vesting, those amounts would have fallen to be debited in the accounts of the undertaking.

(6) Where the authority have before the date of transfer made arrangements for the making of financial adjustments, as between the accounts of the undertaking and any other account kept by the authority, in respect of any other transaction or matter affecting both the undertaking and other activities of the authority, and in pursuance of those arrangements any amounts would, but for the vesting of the undertaking in the Commission, have fallen, on or after the date of transfer, to be debited or credited in the accounts of the undertaking and credited, or, as the case may be, debited in some other account of the authority, the Commission shall, subject to the provisions of this section, pay those amounts to the authority or be entitled to receive those amounts from the authority, as the case may be, at the times at which, but for the vesting, those amounts would have fallen to be debited or credited in the accounts of the undertaking:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply in relation to any apportionment of the establishment charges of the authority between the accounts of the undertaking and other accounts of the authority.

(7) The Commission and the authority may agree or the Minister of Health may, on the application of the Commission or the authority in default of such agreement, determine that, having regard to the circumstances in which any such arrangements were made and the circumstances arising under this Act, the last preceding subsection shall not apply to those arrangements or shall apply thereto with such modifications as to the payments to be made by the Commission or the authority as may be so agreed or determined, and the said subsection shall have effect subject to any such agreement or determination.

Any other question arising under either of the two last preceding subsections as to the payments to be made thereunder shall, in default of agreement, be determined by the Minister of Health.

(8) Any payment made by the Commission, or the authority under the preceding provisions of this section which would, but for the vesting of the undertaking in the Commission, have been debited or credited as a capital payment, shall be deemed to be a capital payment, and any other such payment shall be deemed to be an annual payment.

(9) Notwithstanding anything in any statutory provision, the authority shall not be entitled to any profit or be required to bear any loss arising in the carrying on by the Commission on or after the date of transfer of the part of the Commission's undertaking corresponding to the undertaking of the authority; the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons desiring willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 48, l. 24, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 48, l. 24, leave out ("forty ") and insert ("eighty "), the next 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. George Strauss);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the —Mr. Simmons, Mr. Hannan: 306.

Tellers for the —Commander Agnew, Mr. Studholme: 128.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 48, l. 27, leave out ("twenty-five "), and insert ("fifty "), the next 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. George Strauss);

The House proceeded to a Division:

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 24th July, 1947:

The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the —Mr. Simmons,

Yeas, Mr. Hannan:

Tellers for the —Major Conant,

Commander Agnew, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp:

Noes, Mr. Studholme:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 48, l. 29, after ("that ") insert ("the carriage of goods in a vehicle authorised for use under a licence granted under subsection (1) of section seven of the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933 "), the next 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. Barnes);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the Mr. Pearson, Yeas, Captain Snow: 285.
 Tellers for the Major Conant, Noes, Major Ramsay: 110.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 48, l. 31, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 48, l. 32, after "(meat)" insert "the carriage of milk", the next 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. Barnes);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the Mr. Pearson, Yeas, Mr. Hanna: 270.
 Tellers for the Commander Agnew, Noes, Lieutenant - Colonel Thorp: 106.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 48, l. 36, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 48, l. 36, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 49, l. 27, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 49, l. 27, at end insert—
"(6) In any proceeding under this section before the arbitration tribunal established under Part VIII of this Act the burden of proof that an undertaking is such an undertaking, as is specified in the last preceding section, shall be upon the person contending that the undertaking is such an undertaking ("), the next 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. Solicitor General);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the Captain Snow, Yeas, Mr. Popplewell: 262.
 Tellers for the Mr. Starholme, Noes, Major Ramsay: 96.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 58, l. 13, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 58, l. 13, leave out "(a) and (b)" and insert—
"(a) in the case of a trailer (other than a superimposed trailer) by deducting, where one or more complete years have elapsed between the date on which the vehicle was first put into use and the date of transfer, one-seventh of the said cost in respect of the first year and, in respect of each subsequent year, one-seventh of the said cost as reduced by the total deduction falling to be made in respect of the previous years; and

(c) in either case,");

the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry, their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 58, l. 20, after "(a)" insert "(or paragraph (b))", the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 58, l. 21, leave out from "(difference)" to the end of l. 33, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry, their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, to the Amendment in p. 66, l. 8, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 66, l. 8, leave out "(twenty-five)", and insert "(fifty)", the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. George Strauss);

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Whitley 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. Michael Stewart, Yeas, Mr. Popplewell: 247.
 Tellers for the Major Conant, Noes, Lieutenant - Colonel Thorp: 87.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put,

That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the Mr. Michael Stewart, Yeas, Mr. Popplewell: 247.
 Tellers for the Major Conant, Noes, Lieutenant - Colonel Thorp: 87.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 66, l. 17, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 66, l. 19, after "(livestock)" insert "(or milk)", the next 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. George Strauss);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the Mr. Michael Stewart, Yeas, Mr. Popplewell: 238.
 Tellers for the Major Conant, Noes, Major Ramsay: 80.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Lords Amendment in p. 66, l. 19, at end insert—

("b") the goods carried consist of felled timber which is being carried in a vehicle specially constructed for the purpose of such carriage,

the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 66, l. 19, after the Amendment last inserted, insert (" or 

(c) the vehicle is a vehicle authorised for use under a licence granted under sub-section (4) of section seven of the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933; or 

the next 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. Barnes);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left,
Tellers for the { Mr. Joseph Henderson, } 233
Yeas, { Mr. Hannan : }
Tellers for the { Mr. Studholme, Noes, { Major Conant : } 74

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 70, l. 23, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 70, leave out line 23 and 24 and insert

("b") the compensation payable in respect of cessation of business and severance shall, instead of being calculated in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Part of this Act, be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding section.

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. 71, l. 10, at end insert new Clause A (Measure of compensation for cessation of business and severance in certain cases), 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. 74, l. 4, at end insert—

("c") this section shall not apply to any vehicle used for the carriage of any goods for distances not exceeding eighty miles or for the carriage for any distance of any of the goods specified in provisos (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of section fifty-two.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. George Strauss);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left,
Tellers for the { Captain Snow, Yeas, } 210
Mr. Popplewell:
Tellers for the { Major Conant, Noes, } 63
Major Ramsay:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 78, l. 24, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 78, l. 24, after ("including ") insert ("subject to the provisions of Part II of the Eighth Schedule to this Act ")

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. 78, l. 41, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 78, l. 41, leave out ("not ") the next 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. George Strauss);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left,
Tellers for the { Captain Snow, Yeas, } 212
Mr. Popplewell:
Tellers for the { Major Conant, Noes, } 63
Major Ramsay:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 85, l. 15, after ("Commission") to end of line 15 on page 79, and insert ("otherwise than under Part II of this Act provided that the licensing authority shall give effect to the relevant provision of any scheme made under section sixty-three and sixty-four of this Act ")

the next 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. George Strauss);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left,
Tellers for the { Captain Snow, Yeas, } 210
Mr. Popplewell:
Tellers for the { Major Conant, Noes, } 63
Major Ramsay:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 85, l. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 85, l. 15, after ("that ") insert—

("a") where the transfer is, in the opinion of the Minister, not comparable in the material respects with the form of transfer of the whole or part of an undertaking under Part III of this Act, the Order may provide—

(i) in the case of a transfer which, in the opinion of the Minister is comparable with the form of transfer of the whole or part of an undertaking effected under Part II of this Act, for compensation on a basis reasonably comparable, in his opinion, with that of the compensation provided under this Act in respect of that form of transfer; or

(ii) in any other case, for compensation in respect of the transfer, which in his opinion is proper compensation; and
Special Entry.

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Captain Snow, Mr. Popplewell: 299.
Tellers for the Mr. Studholme, Major Conant: 64.

The Lords Amendment in p. 106, l. 8, leave out from (" for ") to end of line 3 on page 107, at line 3, at end insert—
(‘b’), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 109, l. 24, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 109, l. 24, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended in p. 109, l. 34, by inserting, after the word “Service,” the words “after consultation with the Lord Chancellor or, where the proceedings are to be held in Scotland, after consultation with the Secretary of State.”—(Mr. Barnes.)

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 120, l. 25, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 120, l. 25, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 132, l. 29, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 132, l. 29, after (“The”) insert (“Company of Proprietors of the”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 142, l. 3, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 142, l. 3, at end insert—
(‘b) in the case of an undertaking or part of an undertaking (not being an undertaking theretofore carried on by such a person as is referred to in subhead (a) of this proviso), the activities of which before the transfer by or under the scheme consist wholly or partly of operating passenger road transport services, and the activities, if any, of which after that transfer will not include the operation of such services, it complies with the provisions of Part II of this Schedule”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 142, l. 52, leave out from (" cause ") to end of line 3 on page 143, and insert (" in the case of a scheme under Part IV of this Act, a public local inquiry, or, in any other case, an inquiry, to be held with respect thereto by a person who is not a servant or officer of the Minister "), the next 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. George Strauss)

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 142, l. 24, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 142, l. 24, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended in p. 142, l. 52, by leaving out the words “inquiries to be made,” and inserting the words “inquiries to be made,” and inserting the words “inquiries to be made,” and inserting the words “inquiries to be made,” and inserting the words “inquiries to be made,” and inserting the words “inquiries to be made,” and inserting the words “inquiries to be made,” and inserting the words “inquiries to be made,” and inserting the words “inquiries to be made,” and inserting the words “inquiries to be made,” and inserting the words “inquiries to be made.”
respect thereto," and in p. 143, l. 1, by leaving out the words "result of the inquiries," and inserting the words "report of the person by whom the inquiry was held."—[Mr. George Strauss], instead thereof.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 143, l. 7, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 143, leave out l. 7 to 12, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 143, l. 14, leave out ("persons appointed to make inquiries"), and insert ("any person appointed to hold an inquiry"), 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. 143, l. 17, at end insert—

("PART II.

6. Where, by or under a scheme made under Part IV of this Act, such an undertaking or part of an undertaking as is specified in subhead (b) of paragraph 1 of this Schedule is transferred to a body constituted or specified by or under that scheme, the scheme shall incorporate in relation to that undertaking the provisions of section forty-seven of this Act and of the Ninth Schedule to this Act subject to the adaptations and modifications set out in the subsequent provisions of this Part of this Schedule.

7. The following references shall throughout the said section forty-seven and the said Ninth Schedule be construed as follows—

(a) references to a goods vehicle shall be construed as including references to any vehicle registered under the Roads Act, 1920,

(b) references to the Commission shall be construed as references to the said body;

(c) references to a notice of acquisition, and to the giving of such a notice, and to the transfer resulting from or effected by such a notice shall be construed as references to a transfer by or under a scheme.

8. At the end of subsection (1) of the said section forty-seven there shall be inserted the following proviso—

Provided that, where the vehicle is a trolley vehicle or a tramcar, paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have effect as if, in the case of a trolley vehicle, the words "one-seventh" or, in the case of a tramcar, the words "one-fourteenth" were substituted for the words "one-fifth", wherever those words occur.

9. In subsection (3) of the said section forty-seven for the word "five" there shall be substituted the word "seven".

10. In paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of the said section forty-seven for the words "vehicles authorised to be used under A licences or B licences" there shall be substituted the words "public service vehicles, trolley vehicles or tramcars".

11. The provisions of subsection (5) of the said section forty-seven shall apply where the rights of the hirer under a hire purchase agreement vested in the said body by reason of a transfer by or under the scheme.

12. The reference in subsection (8) of the said section forty-seven to any other express provision contained in this Act shall be construed as a reference to any other express provision for the payment of additional compensation contained in the scheme.

13. The said Ninth Schedule shall have effect as if—

(a) for sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 2 of that Schedule there were substituted the following sub-paragraph—

"In this Schedule, the expression "the last three financial years" means, in relation to an undertaking—

(a) where the undertaking has been carried on for not less than three years ending with the date in the year nineteen hundred and forty-eight to which the accounts of the undertaking for a period of twelve months were made up in the ordinary course, the three years ending with that date; or

(b) in any other case, the three years ending with the date in the twelve months immediately preceding the transfer to which the accounts of the undertaking for a period of twelve months were made up in the ordinary course;

(b) the paragraph of that Schedule providing that in certain circumstances only two of the last three financial years shall be taken into account were omitted.")], the next Amendment, being read a second time; Special Entry, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 144, l. 34, at end insert—

(6) Where, by the end of the last three financial years, not less than three years have elapsed since the undertaking began to be carried on, and the transferor satisfies the Commission, or, in case of dispute, the arbitration tribunal established under Part VIII of this Act, that in any one of the last three financial years, by reason of the abnormality of the circumstances of that particular year as compared with the circumstances of the other two years, the profit made was to a substantial extent less than, or the loss made showed a substantial fall from, the average profit made in the other two years, then only those other two years shall be taken into account for the purposes of the last preceding paragraph, and accordingly for the word "three", wherever that word occurs in the last preceding paragraph, except in the proviso thereto, there shall be substituted the word "two", 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 the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Assheton, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. McLean and Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Barnes.)

And they are to withdraw immediately:
Transport Bill.

Mr. Barnes reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Transport 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. 6, l. 30, for the following Reason:—

Because the said Amendment might unduly restrict the powers of the Minister in an emergency.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 7, l. 36, p. 7, l. 37, p. 9, l. 13, p. 106, l. 23, p. 107, l. 37, and all made by the Lords in p. 7, l. 36, p. 7, l. 37, made by the Lords in p. 48, l. 29, p. 48, l. 32, and p. 66, l. 8, for the following Reason:—

Because the said Amendments would lessen the control of Parliament over these matters through removing the Minister's responsibility for them.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 7, l. 40, for the following Reason:—

Because the said Amendment would cause difficulties in the transitional period, while the purposes of the said Amendment can be secured if it is later found desirable under the provisions of the Bill without the said Amendment.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 9, l. 19, but propose the following Amendment, in lieu thereof, to the words so restored to the Bill:—

P. 9, leave out ll. 20 to 24, and insert “shall include such transitional provisions as to the parties by and against whom legal proceedings are to be instituted or continued, and such other transitional provisions, if any, as appear to the Minister, or to the Commission and the Minister, as the case may be, to be expedient.”

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 48, l. 24, p. 48, l. 27, p. 48, l. 30, and p. 66, l. 8, for the following Reason:—

Because the said Amendments would unduly hamper the Commission in the adequate performance of their duties under the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 48, l. 29, p. 48, l. 32 and the first and third Lords Amendments in p. 66, l. 19, for the following Reason:—

Because there are not sufficient grounds for making the exceptions granted by the said Amendments.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 49, l. 27, for the following Reason:—

Because the said Amendment is inappropriate having regard to the nature of the proceedings in question.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 74, l. 4, p. 78, l. 47, p. 78, l. 45 and p. 93, l. 27, for the following Reason:—

Because the said Amendments are inconsistent with the general scheme and intention of the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 106, l. 8, but propose the following Amendments to the Bill in lieu thereof:—

P. 106, l. 8, after “Service,” insert “after consultation with the Lord Chancellor or, where the proceedings are to be held in Scotland, after consultation with the Secretary of State.”

P. 111, l. 3, after Clause No. 103, insert the following new Clause (Arbitration Act not to apply to proceedings before Referees or Board of Referees):—

Nothing in the Arbitration Acts, 1889 to 1934, shall be construed as applying to any proceedings before a referee or board of referees appointed under this Part of this Act by the Minister of Labour and National Service after consultation with the Lord Chancellor or, where the proceedings are held in Scotland, after consultation with the Secretary of State.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 107, l. 12, but propose the following Amendment to the Bill in lieu thereof:—

P. 107, l. 12, after “Service,” insert “after consultation with the Lord Chancellor or, where the proceedings are to be held in Scotland, after consultation with the Secretary of State.”

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 107, l. 13 and p. 109, l. 21, for the following Reason:—

Because the said Amendments are inconsistent with the Amendments proposed by the Commons in lieu of the Lords Amendment in p. 106, l. 8.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 109, l. 24, but propose the following Amendment, in lieu thereof, to the words so restored to the Bill:—

P. 109, l. 34, after “Service,” insert “after consultation with the Lord Chancellor or, where the proceedings are to be held in Scotland, after consultation with the Secretary of State.”

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 142, l. 52, but propose the following Amendments, in lieu thereof, to the words so restored to the Bill:—

P. 142, l. 52, leave out “inquiries to be made,” and insert “in the case of a scheme under Part IV of this Act, a public local inquiry, or, in any other case, an inquiry, to be held with respect thereto.”

P. 143, l. 1, leave out “result of the inquiries,” and insert “report of the person by whom the inquiry was held.”

The Commons disagree to the first Amendment made by the Lords in p. 143, l. 3, for the following Reason:—

Because the said Amendment might prejudice the proper performance by persons appointed to hold inquiries and by the Minister of their respective duties under the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the second Amendment made by the Lords in p. 143, l. 3, for the following Reason:—

Because the said Amendment imposes an undue rigidity on the procedure to be followed at administrative inquiries.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor)—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Wednesday evening and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then ten minutes before Eleven of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[No. 149.]

Thursday, 24th July, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Sunderland Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Gwili Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th July 1947, entitled the Federated Superannuation System for Universities (Pensions Increase) Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Copy of an Order, dated 19th July 1947, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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 aforementioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:

(1) Doncaster Town Council.
(2) Eston Urban District Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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 North Cumberland 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, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report 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, 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 from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Dundee Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Inverness Burgh Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Probation Officers (Superannuation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Town and Country Planning Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Fire Services (Superannuation) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Town and Lords to the Town and Country Planning Bill, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Fire Services Bill to the Fire Services Bill, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [13th allotted Day].


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
Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order be approved.

Mr. Gaitskell, in explanation, said that the purpose of the Order was to authorize the Minister of Fuel and Power to make regulations under the Coal Industry Act, 1946, for the supply of coke to the Ministry of Supply.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes—Mr. Gaitskell, 77; Mr. Bracken, 78.

Resolved, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Hove Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a third time, and passed, with Amendments.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Mr. Mathers, 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.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the War Damage (Value Payment) (Time of Payment) Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Prayers.

A MOTION being made, That the City of London (Tithes) Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

Mr. Mathers, 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.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Sunday Entertainments. Cinematograph Exhibitions. Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

(1) the Urban District of Aldridge,
(2) the Borough of Bury St. Edmunds,
(3) the Borough of Crewe,
(4) the Urban District of Gainsborough,
(5) the City of Stoke-on-Trent, and
(6) the Urban District of Willenhall.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Ministers of the Civil Estimates, 1947-48.

Class X., Vote 1, Ministry of Supply £10
Class X., Vote 2, British Supply Office in the United States of America £10

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class X., Vote 1, Ministry of Supply, be reduced by £5.—(Mr. Bracken.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes—Mr. Gaitskell, 78.

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.
entitled the Transfer of Functions (Relief of Children) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Provisional Regulations, dated 18th July 1947, entitled—

(1) the Local Education Authorities Grant Provisional Amending Regulations No. 2, 1947, and
(2) the Training of Teachers Provisional Grant Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 18th July 1947, entitled the Pre-serves Order, 1947,
(2) dated 21st July 1947, entitled the Rye (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1947, and
(3) dated 21st July 1947, entitled the Rye (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wellington Museum (re-committed) Bill [Lords].

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Destruction of or damage to Apsley House).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 38, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Keeling.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

Mr. Keeling 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.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons,
Mr. Hannan : ] 124.
Tellers for the [Mr. Keeling,
Mr. Charles Williams : ] 51.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 7 to 9 agreed to.

A Clause (Power to vary the Second Schedule to this Act)—(Mr. Durbin)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 10, by leaving out the word "market," and inserting the word "replacement".—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "market," stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the affirmative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made to the Bill, by the Lords to the Statistics of Trade 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 to the Industrial Organisation Bill, by the Lords to the Industrial Organisation Bill.
Adjournment.

Order, 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 Companies Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee:

Order, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 43, p. 40, l. 26, and to Clause No. 46, p. 43, l. 18 and l. 46, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Sir Stafford Cripps, and in respect of Clause No. 69.—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

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. 43 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 46 (Appointment and powers of inspectors to investigate ownership of company).
Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words—
"(3) Where an application for an investigation under this section with respect to particular shares or debentures of a company is made to the Board of Trade by members of the company, and the number of applicants or the amount of the shares held by them is not less than that required for an application for the appointment of an inspector under section one hundred and thirty-five of the principal Act, the Board of Trade shall appoint an inspector to conduct the investigation, unless they are satisfied that the application is vexatious, and the inspector's appointment shall not exclude from the scope of his investigation any matter which the application seeks to have included therein, except in so far as the Board of Trade are satisfied that it is unreasonable for that matter to be investigated".—(Sir Stafford Cripps.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.
And it being Four o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Hannan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 151.]

Monday, 28th July, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd July 1947, entitled the Superannuation (Compensation for Injury in Enemy Occupied Territory) Regulations, 1947.

Account for the year ended the 31st day of December 1946, 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 1946, 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 1946, 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 Ede presented, pursuant to the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of April 1947 to the 30th day of June 1947.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement on Reparation from Germany, on the Establishment of an Inter-Allied Reparation Agency and on the Restitution of Monetary Gold, signed at Paris on the 14th day of January 1946.

Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on Treaty Series the 3rd day of July 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic supplementary to the Monetary Agreement of the 1st day of November 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 25th July 1947, amending Regulation 56AB 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 an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Directions,—

(1) dated 19th July 1947, entitled the "Utility Apparel (Nurses’ Uniforms) Directions, 1947, and
(2) dated 21st July 1947, entitled the "Bedding (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1947, entitled the Control of Timber (No. 47) (Imported Hardwood Prices) Order, 1947.

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) Hemel Hempstead Town Council.
(2) Sheffield City Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report to the Minister of Labour and National Service by the Delegates of His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom to the Twenty-ninth Session of the International Labour Conference, held at Montreal between the 19th day of September and the 9th day of October 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Returns from Pilotage Authorities, for 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 22nd July 1947, entitled the Control of Cinchona and Cinchona Products and Synthetic Substitutes (No. 3) (Revocation) Order, 1947.

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 21st July 1947, entitled,

(1) the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947.

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 London Midland and Scottish Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Nottingham Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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 divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Simmons, Yeas,
Mr. Popplewell: 106.
Tellers for the Major Conant, Noes, Major Ramsay: 89.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [16th allotted Day] itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to His Majesty towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Housing for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1947–48

Class V., Vote 1, Ministry of Health - £10
Class V., Vote 4, Ministry of Labour and National Service - £20

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class V., Vote 1, Ministry of Health, be reduced by £5.—(Mr. Marples.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Major Conant, Yeas, Major Ramsay: 1001.
Tellers for the Mr. Popplewell, Noes, Mr. Popplewell: 258.

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; 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 Companies itself into a Committee on the Companies (re- Bill [Lords]. committed Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)
Clause No. 46 (Appointment and powers of inspectors to investigate ownership of company).
Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words—
"(3) Where an application for an investigation under this section with respect to particular shares or debentures of a company is made to the Board of Trade by members of the company, and the number of applicants or the amount of the shares held by them is not less than that required for an application for the appointment of an inspector under section one hundred and thirty-five of the principal Act, the Board of Trade shall appoint an inspector to conduct the investigation, unless they are satisfied that the application is vexatious, and the inspector’s appointment shall not exclude from the scope of his investigation any matter which the application seeks to have included therein, except in so far as the Board of Trade are satisfied that it is unreasonable for that matter to be investigated."
Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted.
Question put, and agreed to.
Another Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 69 disagreed 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 Clause (Numbering of shares)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—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. 8, l. 32, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "subject to the provisions of sections fifty-five, fifty-six, fifty-seven, fifty-eight, fifty-nine and sixty of the principal Act."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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.

And the House, having continued to sit till Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;—
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Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 27, l. 29, by leaving out from the beginning, to the end of l. 32.—(Mr. Bracken.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;—

Sir Stafford Cripps, 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly, the House having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 152.]

Tuesday, 29th July, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A Motion being made, That the Sunderland Corporation 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Southend-on-Sea Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended, in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

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, 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. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th July 1947, entitled the Purchase Tax (Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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 22nd July 1947, entitled the Adaptation of Enactments (Police) (Ashton-under-Lyne) Order, 1947.

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 Airdrie Town 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 an Order in Council, dated 25th July 1947, entitled the Control of Wool (No. 35) (Prices) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barns presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th July 1947, entitled the London Traffic (Stone Street and Windmill Street, Gravesend) (Amendment) Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Orders, dated 23rd July 1947, entitled—

1. the Nut Kernels Order, 1947,
2. the Potatoes (1947 Crop) (No. 1) Order, 1947,
3. the Oats (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1947, and
4. the Oats (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the able.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the City of London (Tithes) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hove Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Transport Bill to which this House hath disagreed; they do not insist on certain other of the said Amendments, but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House; and they agree to certain of the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of certain of their Amendments without any Amendment, and to the said Amendments with an Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Amendment, made by this House in lieu of one of the Amendments made by the Lords, and the Amendments made by the Lords in lieu of certain of their Amendments to which this House hath disagreed, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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 divided.

The Yeas were as follows:

Mr. Simmons, Mr. Hauman, Major Conant, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp;

Tellers for the Yeas,

251.

Tellers for the Noes,

109.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £50, be granted to His Majesty towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Colonial Administration for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, namely:—


Class II., Vote 8, Colonial Office ... £10
Class II., Vote 9, Colonial and Middle Eastern Services ... £10
Class II., Vote 10, West African Produce Control Board ... ... £10
Class II., Vote 11, Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) ... ... £10
Class X., Vote 3, Ministry of Food ... ... £10

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,
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.

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 Aldridge, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of this instant July, 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 Borough of Bury St. Edmunds, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of this instant July, 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 Borough of Crewe, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of this instant July, 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 Borough of Gainsborough, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of this instant July, 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 City of Stoke-on-Trent, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of this instant July, 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 Urban District of Willenhall, a copy of which Order was presented on the 25th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, That the Parsonages (Amendment) 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. Borden.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the National Health Service (Scotland) (Determination of Areas of Regional Hospital Boards) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1311), dated 25th June 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 27th day of June last, be annulled—(Mr. Snadden);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 30th July, 1947:

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment,

—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Santiago, on the 23rd day of June 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Chilian Government renewing the Commercial Agreement of the 15th day of October 1931.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant Designs, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Santiago, on the 23rd day of June 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Chilian Government renewing the Commercial Agreement of the 15th day of October 1931.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilfrid Paling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Santiago, on the 23rd day of June 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Chilian Government renewing the Commercial Agreement of the 15th day of October 1931.

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 Notes exchanged at Santiago, on the 23rd day of June 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Chilian Government renewing the Commercial Agreement of the 15th day of October 1931.

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 follows:-

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London and North Eastern Railway 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 Southend-on-Sea Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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 divided:
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simons, Mr. Popplewell; 268.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drew, Major Conant; 167.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee)

Army Estimates, 1947-8

Vote 3. War Office

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £5,890,000, 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 1948:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Civil Estimates, 1947-48

Class VI

Vote 1. Board of Trade

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £24,969,350 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 1948, for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and subordinate departments, including the cost of certain trading services; assistance and subsidies to certain industries; certain grants in aid; and other services.

Mr. Hogg 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.


Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum, not exceeding £24,969,250 be granted for the said service.—(Earl Winterton.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the-

Commander Agnew,

Major Conant:

Yeas, 115.

Tellers for the-

Captain Snow,

Mr. Popplewell:

Noes, 263.

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.

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 (Governors’ Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1947, 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.

(Captain Snow).

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 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 (Governors’ Salary, Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1947, 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.

(Captain Snow).

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 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 (High Court Judges) Order, 1947, 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.

(Captain Snow).

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Resolved, That the Electoral Registration Parliamentary Elections Regulations, 1947, dated 2nd July 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 3rd day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)
The House according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Fire Services Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 10, the first Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 13, leave out from beginning, to (" for ") in l. 16, and insert—
("(4) A reinforcement scheme may make provision "), 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. 4, l. 47, at end insert—
("(4) Save as expressly provided in this Act, a fire authority shall not make any charge for employment so specified "), the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 4, l. 14, leave out from (" authority "), to (" of "), in l. 15, and insert (" by which a person has been employed in employment specified under paragraph (b) of this subsection or which has incurred any liability in respect of the payment of a pension in the event of a person's retirement from employment so specified "), 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. 26, l. 14, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 47, l. 14, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 47, l. 14, at end, insert new Schedule (Transitional Provisions), the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Special Entry. Amendment was to further the intention 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Mr. Pearson)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then nineteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 154]


The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
London
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read,
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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-
London
Nottingham
Corporation
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twice
read,
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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-
London
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[Lords],
and
Park
Bill
[Lords].

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That Standing Order 208, relating Private Bills, to Private Business (Notice of consideration of Lords Amendments) be suspended until the Summer Adjournment.

Ordered, That, as regards Private Bills to be returned by the House of Lords with Amendments, such Amendments be considered on the
second sitting of the House after the day on which the Bill shall have been returned from the Lords.

Ordered, That, when it is intended to propose any Amendments thereto, a copy of such Amendments shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office and Notice thereof given not later than the day before that on which the Amendment is moved by the House of Lords are proposed to be taken into consideration.—
(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

**Emergency Powers (Defence) (Bricks).**

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1947, entitled the Bricks (Charges) (Second Amendment) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

**Petroleum.**

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 24th July 1947, entitled—
(1) the Petroleum-Spirit (Conveyance) Regulations, 1947, and
(2) the Gas Cylinders (Conveyance) Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

**Egypt (No. 2, 1947).**

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Papers regarding the Negotiations for a Revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

**Goods and Services (Price Control).**

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd July 1947, entitled the Combs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

**Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Limitation of Supplies).**

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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 1944.

Copies of Schemes made by the under-mentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—
(1) Bexley and Swanscombe (Superannuation) Joint Committee.
(2) Warwickshire County Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

**Local Government Financial Statistics.**

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th July 1947, entitled the National Service (Early Registration and Calling Up) Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

**Pensions.**

Mr. John Hynd presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant concerning Pensions and other Grants for Members of the Home Guard 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. Key presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 30th July 1947, entitled—
(1) the Bricks (Range of Prices) (No. 1) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Bricks (Range of Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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:—

Second Schedule (amending the Schedule presented on the 18th day of February 1942) containing a List and Particulars of certain Documents formerly existing in His Majesty’s Land Registry which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on Group K of Private Bills:—
(2) the Bricks (Range of Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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 Electricity Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Agriculture Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Wellington Museum Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Wellington Museum Bill [Lords].

Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, relating to Paisley Corporation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Paisley Corporation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Crown Proceedings Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Crown Proceedings Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Crown Proceedings Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Crown Proceedings Bill [Lords].
1936, relating to the National Trust for Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Agriculture Bill.

Orderd, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agriculture Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Electricity Bill.

Orderd, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electricity Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill.

Orderd, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The National Trust for Scotland Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936), to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Orderd, That the Bill be printed.

The Paisley Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936), to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Orderd, That the Bill be printed.

Orderd, 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 the clock, by paragraph 6 of the Standing Order (Business of Supply) Supplementary Estimates for New Services may be considered in Committee of Supply before half an hour after Nine of the clock; 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 November 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 Yeas, Mr. Simmons, 280, and Mr. Poolewell,

Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp, 116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1947-48

1. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £53,473,794, be granted to His Majesty to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with Germany and Austria for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, namely:

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<td>Foreign Office (German Section)</td>
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<td>Agriculture Bill</td>
<td>£51,412,930</td>
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<td>Electricity Bill</td>
<td>£53,473,794</td>
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2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £117,117,400, be granted to His Majesty to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with Education for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, namely:

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<td>Education, 1947</td>
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<td>Order made upon the 12th day of November</td>
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<td>(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)</td>
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<td>Resolution made (under Section 7 of the</td>
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<td>Standing Order (Business of Supply)</td>
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<td>Supplementary Estimates for New Services</td>
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<td>Scottish Education</td>
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<td>National Trust for Scotland Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936), to be taken into consideration to-morrow.</td>
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Parsonages (Amendment) Measure, 1947.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £17,117,400, be granted to His Majesty to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz. :-

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<td>Government Chemist</td>
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<td>Public Works Loan Commission</td>
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<td>Repayments to the Local Loans Fund</td>
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<td>Royal Commissions, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Expenses</td>
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<td>tinguencies Fund</td>
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<td>£8,680,746</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class IV.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £35,008,866, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz. :-

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<td>British Council</td>
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<td>Commonwealth Relations Office (formerly Dominions Office)</td>
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<td>Commonwealth Services (formerly Dominion Services) (including a Supplementary sum of £10,000)</td>
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<td>Overseas Settlement</td>
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<td>Colonial Office</td>
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<td>West African Produce Control Board</td>
<td>1,807,233</td>
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<td>Development and Welfare (Colonies, &amp;c.)</td>
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<td>India and Burma Services (including a Supplementary sum of £110,530)</td>
<td>14,373,357</td>
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<td>Imperial War Graves Commission</td>
<td>294,955</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.
5. That a sum, not exceeding £20,258,755, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<td>Home Office</td>
<td>£1,231,805</td>
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<td>Breadmoor Criminal Asylum</td>
<td>107,440</td>
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<td>Police, England and Wales</td>
<td>10,675,515</td>
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<td>Prisons, England and Wales</td>
<td>2,780,587</td>
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<td>Approved Schools, &amp;c., England and Wales (including a Supplementary sum of £20,000)</td>
<td>1,409,000</td>
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<td>Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c.</td>
<td>59,695</td>
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<td>County Courts, &amp;c.</td>
<td>311,408</td>
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<td>Land Registry</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>Public Trustee</td>
<td>64,300</td>
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<td>Law Charges</td>
<td>291,568</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>21,940</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£20,258,755</strong></td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £29,353,524, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<td>Imperial War Museum</td>
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<td>London Museum</td>
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<td>Wallace Collection</td>
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<td>Scientific Investigation, &amp;c. (including a Supplementary sum of £10,250)</td>
<td>900,585</td>
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<td>Universities and Colleges, &amp;c., Great Britain</td>
<td>6,500,000</td>
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<td>Broadcasting</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £256,102,492, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<td>Ministry of Health</td>
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<td>Board of Control</td>
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<td>Registrar-General's Office</td>
<td>285,310</td>
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<td>Ministry of Labour and National Service (including a Supplementary sum of £1,000,000)</td>
<td>19,849,000</td>
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<td>Grants in respect of Employment Schemes</td>
<td>750,000</td>
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<td>Ministry of National Insurance</td>
<td>63,374,000</td>
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<td>Assistance Board</td>
<td>28,350,000</td>
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<td>National Insurance Audit Department</td>
<td>101,740</td>
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<tr>
<td>Friendly Societies Registry</td>
<td>33,680</td>
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<tr>
<td>Widow, Orphan and Old Age Contributory Pensions</td>
<td>74,025,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ministry of Town and Country Planning</td>
<td>800,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£256,102,492</strong></td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £137,887,430, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<tr>
<th>Service Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Board of Trade</td>
<td>£24,069,350</td>
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<tr>
<td>Services in Development Areas (including a Supplementary sum of £75,000)</td>
<td>10,739,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Final Assistance in Development Areas</td>
<td>451,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Export Credits</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>Export Credits (Special Guarantee)</td>
<td>21,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ministry of Fuel and Power</td>
<td>3,211,200</td>
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<tr>
<td>Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
<td>36,813</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</td>
<td>6,437,014</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services) (including a Supplementary sum of £6,175,010)</td>
<td>37,043,010</td>
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<td>Surveys of Great Britain, &amp;c.</td>
<td>1,056,920</td>
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<tr>
<td>Forestry Commission</td>
<td>3,356,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Development Fund</td>
<td>1,242,300</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ministry of Transport</td>
<td>20,555,000</td>
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<td>Roads, &amp;c.</td>
<td>967,485</td>
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<td>Mercantile Marine Services</td>
<td>16,159,400</td>
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<td>Ministry of Civil Aviation</td>
<td>19,980</td>
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<td>Development Grants</td>
<td>2,318,289</td>
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<td>Department of Scientific and Industrial Research</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>State Management Districts</td>
<td>4,922,000</td>
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<td>Clearing Offices (including a Supplementary sum of £1,049)</td>
<td>12,049,000</td>
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<td>Agriculture</td>
<td>1,065,926</td>
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<td>Department of Agriculture (Food Production Services) (including a Supplementary sum of £400,000)</td>
<td>3,022,000</td>
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<td>Fisheries</td>
<td>454,924</td>
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<td>Herring Industry</td>
<td>357,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£137,887,430</strong></td>
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Question put, and agreed to.
13. That a sum, not exceeding £115,270,675, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>Customs and Excise</td>
<td>5,052,300</td>
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<td>Inland Revenue</td>
<td>11,800,375</td>
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<td>Post Office</td>
<td>98,418,000</td>
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£115,770,675

Question put, and agreed to.

14. That a sum, not exceeding £109,712,000, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>Educational Services</td>
<td>634,000</td>
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<td>Scientific Services</td>
<td>6,185,000</td>
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<td>Royal Naval Reserves</td>
<td>575,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Section I—Personnel</td>
<td>24,321,000</td>
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<td>Section II—Matériel</td>
<td>20,494,000</td>
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<td>Section III—Contract Work</td>
<td>30,292,000</td>
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<td>Naval Armaments</td>
<td>12,045,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>8,353,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Admiralty Office</td>
<td>4,547,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Merchant Shipbuilding, &amp;c.</td>
<td>1,066,000</td>
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£109,712,000

Question put, and agreed to.

15. That a sum, not exceeding £148,018,000, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>War Office</td>
<td>2,856,000</td>
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<td>Civilians</td>
<td>43,813,000</td>
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<td>Movements</td>
<td>33,400,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stores</td>
<td>13,496,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>9,449,000</td>
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</table>

£148,018,000

Question put, and agreed to.

16. That a sum, not exceeding £67,742,000 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (to a number not exceeding 60,000, all ranks, for the Royal Air Force Reserve and the Air Force Volunteer Reserve and a number not exceeding 30,000, all ranks for the Auxiliary Air Force)</td>
<td>800,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Air Ministry</td>
<td>3,433,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Civilians at Outstations</td>
<td>17,625,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Movements</td>
<td>17,499,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Non-Technical Supplies</td>
<td>22,438,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>7,432,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Non-Effective Services</td>
<td>2,918,000</td>
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£69,742,000

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

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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.

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, the sum of £1,525,682,403 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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Captain Snow.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (New Zealand) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 30th day of June 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.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (British Guiana) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 16th day of June 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.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Trinidad) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 16th day of June 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 put, That the Regulation of Payments (General) (No. 3) Order, 1947, (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1483), dated 12th July 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 16th day of this instant July, be annulled—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre):

The House divided.

The Yeas, 24. 24.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Boothby;

Mr. Simmons,

Mr. Popplewell;

So it passed in the Negative.

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 Friday morning;

Friday, 1st August, 1947:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Friday, 1st August, 1947.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Paisley Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the National Trust for Scotland Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 23rd July 1947, with reference to the application of money received by the Ministry of Transport in the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, in respect of the Rights and Interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Westwood presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 1st August 1947, entitled the Exemptions (Potato Lifting) (Scotland) Provisional Regulations, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1947, entitled the Police Grant (Scotland) Order, 1947.

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 28th July 1947, entitled the Services Laundry (Maximum Charges) Order, 1947.

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 28th July 1947, entitled—


and

(2) the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceeding on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Arthur Greenwood.)

The Lords Amendment, in p. 6, l. 3, at end insert (“ or, in the case of land being agricultural land within the meaning of the Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Act, 1928, within seven years from that date,”), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment, in l. 3, by leaving out the word “seven” and inserting the word “four”—(Mr. William Morrison), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “seven” stand part of the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Drew.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 9, l. 7, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 9, l. 7, at end insert Clause A (Modification of development plans in relation to land designated as subject to compulsory acquisition), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment, in l. 28, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “and thereafter the land shall not be so designated again until after the end of five years from the expiry of the said six months.”—(Mr. William Morrison.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Lords Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment, in l. 52, by leaving out the word “eight,” and inserting the word “five”—(Mr. William Morrison), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “eight,” stand part of the Lords Amendment;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 12, l. 9, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 12, l. 9, after (“maintenance”) insert (“improvement or other alteration”), the next Amendment, being Special Entry, 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. 12, l. 43, being Special Entry, read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 12, l. 43, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 20, after (“used”) insert (“and in determining for the purposes of paragraph (c) of this subsection the purposes for which land was last used”), the next Amendment, being Special Entry, 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. 20, l. 7, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 20, l. 7, leave out from (" State ") to end of l. 10 and insert (" and "), 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. 20, l. 16, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 21, l. 14, leave out (" to be ") and insert (" having regard to the probable ultimate use of the land, that it is "), the next Amendment, being read a second time.

- An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment, by leaving out from the word "to," to the word "that," and inserting the words "the purpose for which the land is to be purchased,"—(Mr. William Morrison),—instead thereof.

- And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Lords Amendment:—

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the first Amendment in p. 22, l. 45, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The first Lords Amendment in p. 21, l. 45, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The second Lords Amendment in p. 21, l. 45, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 25, l. 22, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 22, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 25, l. 43, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 43, at end insert—

" (7) Any compensation payable under this section in respect of loss or damage consisting of the depreciation in value of an interest in land shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Fourth Schedule to this Act; and in calculating the amount of any such depreciation it shall be assumed that permission would be granted under this Part of this Act for development of the land of any class specified in the Third Schedule to this Act."

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. 28, l. 46, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 28, l. 46, at end insert clause B (" Agreements regulating development or use of land), 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. 31, l. 2, after (" section ") insert (" and subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 of the Fourth Schedule to this Act "), 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. 42, l. 42, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 42, l. 42, leave out Clause 34, 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. 45, l. 1, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 45, l. 5, after (" enactment ") insert—

" (b) for any other purpose for which, by virtue of paragraphs (c) or (d) of subsection (1) of section ten of the Act of 1947, the natural planning authority could be authorised to acquire land before the appointed day "), the next Amendment Special Entry, 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 second Amendment in p. 47, l. 33, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The second Lords Amendment in p. 47, l. 33, after the Amendment last inserted, insert—

" (4) Where any building is acquired under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section the council of the county or county borough or county district, by whom the building is acquired shall observe the provisions of the building preservation order relating to that building "), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment, in l. 2, by leaving out the words "of subsection (1)."—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "of subsection (1)." stand part of the Lords Amendment:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 47, l. 38, after (" order ") insert (" has been or "), 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. 52, l. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 52, l. 15, insert Clause C (Acquisition of land by development corporations under New Towns Act, 1947), the next Amendment, being read a second time, Special Entry, 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. 55, l. 43, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 57, l. 43, leave out from (" development " ) to end of l. 4 on p. 58, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

And the Amendment in p. 31, l. 7, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 31, l. 7, leave out from (" State ") to end of l. 10 and insert (" and "), 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. 42, l. 42, leave out Clause 34, 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. 45, l. 1, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 45, l. 5, after (" enactment ") insert—

" (b) for any other purpose for which, by virtue of paragraphs (c) or (d) of subsection (1) of section ten of the Act of 1947, the natural planning authority could be authorised to acquire land before the appointed day "), the next Amendment Special Entry, 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 second Amendment in p. 47, l. 33, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The second Lords Amendment in p. 47, l. 33, after the Amendment last inserted, insert—

" (4) Where any building is acquired under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section the council of the county or county borough or county district, by whom the building is acquired shall observe the provisions of the building preservation order relating to that building "), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment, in l. 2, by leaving out the words "of subsection (1)."—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words " of subsection (1)." stand part of the Lords Amendment:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 47, l. 38, after (" order ") insert (" has been or "), 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. 52, l. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 52, l. 15, insert Clause C (Acquisition of land by development corporations under New Towns Act, 1947), the next Amendment, being read a second time, Special Entry, 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. 55, l. 43, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 57, l. 43, leave out from (" development " ) to end of l. 4 on p. 58, 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. 58, l. 10, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 58, l. 10, after ("conditions") insert ("and compensation has become payable in respect of the refusal, revocation, or conditions, as the case may be, under section twenty 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.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the third Amendment in p. 58, l. 14, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The third Lords Amendment, in p. 58, l. 14, after the Amendment last inserted, insert—

("(3) Where, at any time before the date of the notice to treat, planning permission has been granted under Part III of this Act for any development of the land, other than development of any class specified in the Third Schedule to this Act, or is deemed to have been so granted, then except where either—

(a) any sum has been paid under Part VII of this Act by way of development charge in respect of that development; or

(b) no such charge is payable in respect of that development as far as the Amendment in p. 77, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment in p. 58, l. 14, by inserting, after the word "granted," the words "or has been granted since the first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932."——(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Lords Amendment—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

Mr. Drewe, Mr. Thorp, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Simmons: 65.

Tellers for the House of Commons.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "or would have been so payable if that permission had not been revoked."——(Mr. William Morrison.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Lords Amendment—It passed in the Negative.

And the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 60, l. 9, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 60, l. 9, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 61, l. 3, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 61, l. 17, at end, insert—

("(5) Subsection (4) of section sixty-nine of the War Damage Act, 1943 (which makes special provision with respect to payments under that Act in respect of war damage sustained by hereditaments held for charitable purposes) shall not apply to any payment which, by virtue of this section, vests in the person by whom an interest in land is acquired.")

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Lords Amendment, being read a second time, Special Entry, 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. 63, l. 4, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 63, l. 30, at end, insert Clause D (Special provisions as to war-damaged land where compensation assessed by reference to cost of equivalent reinstatement), the next Amendment, being read a second time, Special Entry, second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 63, l. 30, at end, insert ("and shall provide that the amount of the said charge shall having regard to the terms and conditions on and subject to which planning permission has been granted be determined without any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to one applicant over another "), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment last disagreed to, in p. 76, l. 47, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and shall not give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to one applicant over another."——(Mr. Silkin.)

The Lords Amendment in p. 77, l. 12, at end, insert ("(5) Subsection (4) of section sixty-nine of the War Damage Act, 1943, selected in accordance with the provisions of Part II of that Schedule, and the provisions of Part III of that Schedule shall in so far as they relate to appeals to a tribunal have effect in relation to appeals under this Act as if for any reference to the War Damage Commission there were substituted a reference to the Central Land Board and as if for any reference to the War Damage Act, 1943, there were substituted a reference to this Act and the Lord Chancellor shall make rules for regulating, subject to the provisions of that Schedule, appeals to a tribunal under this Act.

(6) For the purposes of an appeal under the last foregoing subsection the Central Land Board shall at the request of the appellant or of the Tribunal furnish to the appellant and
to the Tribunal a statement setting out the particulars of the grounds upon which the development charge was determined by them, together with any facts and contentions relevant thereto,"), the next 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. Silkin);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson 264, Mr. Collindridge 258.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Poppleweill 59, Mr. Drewe 68.
Thorp.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 90, 1. 35, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 90, 1. 35, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 90, 1. 35, at end, insert—

"(c) that the land together with any land contiguous or adjacent to such land was on the seventh day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, or would then have been for circumstances arising out of the emergency which was the occasion of the passing of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939, in the course of development as a residential commercial or industrial estate and that the proposed development is or would be immediately practicable but for such circumstances as aforesaid and that there is a demand for such development,"), the next 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. Silkin);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson 264, Mr. Poppleweill 59.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewe 68, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 90, 1. 35, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

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laws or other enactments, as the case may be, being an application in respect of development which was or would have been but for circumstances arising out of the emergency which was the occasion of the passing of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939, immediately practicable at the date of the application and for which there was at such date a demand for such development which it was the intention of the applicant to satisfy”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 91, l. 46, at end insert—

("c) than where—

(i) a mining lease was in force on the seventh day of January nineteen hundred and forty-seven, having on that day an unexpired term of not less than three years, or

(ii) minerals were being won and worked immediately before that day by a person having an interest therein otherwise than under a mining lease,

no payment shall be made under the said Part VI in respect of any interest in the minerals comprised in the said mining lease, or in any minerals which form part of the same seam or deposit as that in respect of which the operations mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph were being carried out and in respect of which an interest was held as mentioned in the said sub-paragraph, as the case may be, and that no development charge shall be payable under the said Part VII in respect of the winning and working of the said minerals under the mining lease referred to in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph or in respect of the winning and working of any minerals referred to in the said sub-paragraph (ii) in respect of which no payment has been made under the said Part VI as aforesaid,”) the next 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. Silkin);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Snow, Yes, Mr. Popplewell : 220.

Tellers for the Mr. Dreese, Noes, Major Conant : 44.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 97, l. 21, leave out (“any Act in force at”) and insert (“Section forty-six of this Act or of any Act passed before”), the next Amendment, being Special Entry, 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. 102, l. 45, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 102, l. 45, leave out subsection (3) and insert—

(“and

(c) subject as hereinafter provided, nothing in this Part of this Act shall be construed as exempting from the payment of a development charge any operations carried out on the land by the person entitled to any such interest, or any use of the land by any such person;

Provided that paragraph (c) of this subsection shall not apply to any operations or uses of land which are exempted from the payment of a development charge by virtue of any of the provisions of section eighty-one of this Act.”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, Special Entry 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. 103, l. 18, being Special Entry, read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 103, l. 18, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 109, l. 43, being Special Entry, read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 109, l. 43, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. III, l. 27, at end insert Clause G (Applications for planning permission, determination of development charges, etc.), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment in l. 13, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

("a) the submission of plans and specifications under building bye-laws, and in other similar cases.”—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

The Question being put, that those words be there inserted in the Lords Amendment:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.
Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Lords Amendment in p. 117, l. 38, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 117, l. 38, at end insert—

("(2) For the purposes of paragraph 2 of the said Third Schedule, the erection on land within the curtilage of any such building as is mentioned in that paragraph of an additional building to be used in connection with the original building shall be treated as the enlargement of the original building; and where one or more buildings comprised in the same curtilage are used as one unit for the purposes of any institution or undertaking, the reference in the said paragraph 2 to the cubic content of the original building shall be construed as a reference to that content as ascertained by external measurement.")

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. 118, l. 34, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 118, l. 34, leave out ("and thirty-eight") and insert ("thirty-eight and ninety-eight"), 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. 119, l. 1, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 119, l. 1, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 121, l. 13, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 121, l. 13, at end, insert Clause H (Application to Isles of Scilly), 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. 124, l. 5, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 124, l. 5, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 124, l. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 124, l. 15, at end, insert—

("improvement", in relation to a highway, has the same meaning as the expression "improvement of roads" has in Part II of the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909")

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. 124, l. 27, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 125, l. 8, at end, insert ("provided that it shall not include peat cut for purposes other than sale"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, Special Entry, 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. 130, l. 11, being Special Entry, read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 130, l. 11, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 131, l. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 131, l. 15, leave out lines 15 and 16 and insert—

("EXCEPTED CLASSES OF DEVELOPMENT.

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the next Amendment, being read a second Special Entry, 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. 132, l. 12, being Special Entry, read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 132, l. 12, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 132, l. 13, after ("nineteen") insert ("section twenty-one"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, Special Entry, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 132, l. 14, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 132, l. 21, leave out from ("any") to ("given") in l. 22 and insert ("compensation is payable as aforesaid by virtue of any decision or order") the next Amendment, being read a second time, and Special Entry, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 133, l. 1, leave out from ("person") to ("shall") in l. 3, and insert ("by virtue of any order made under section twenty-four of this Act") the next Amendment, being read a second time, and Special Entry, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 133, l. 1, the next Amendment, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 135, l. 1, leave out from ("construed") to end of l. 49, and insert ("as a reference to the date of the completion of the acquisition or, if interest on the compensation, or on the purchase price, as the case may be, becomes payable before that date (whether by virtue of entry on the land
or otherwise), as a reference to the date from which the interest becomes payable,’ the next line, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 138, l. 48, at end insert—

("Extension of owner-occupier supplement to certain subsidiary companies.

3.—(1) Where an interest in land the value of which falls to be ascertained in accordance with the provisions of Part II of the Act of 1944 for the purposes of the compensation payable on a compulsory acquisition thereof is an interest held by a company having among its objects the holding of land, and being related (as hereinafter defined) to another company which carries on business on land so held, then, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section fifty-eight of the said Act, or of any regulation made thereunder, subsection (5) of that section shall have effect in relation to that interest as if references in paragraphs (a) to (d) of that subsection to the person entitled to compensation for the purchase of that interest included references to the last mentioned company.

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph a company shall be deemed to be related to another company, if either of those companies is a subsidiary of the other (as defined by any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to companies) or if both of them are subsidiaries (as so defined) of a third company,”), 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. 142, l. 2, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 142, l. 2, column 2, at beginning insert (“in section fifteen, for the words ‘ this Part of this Act ’ there shall be substituted the words ‘ Part IV of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, not being land comprised in a licensing planning area within the meaning of the Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Acts, 1945 and 1946 ’), 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. 144, l. 26, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 144, l. 26, column 2, leave out from (“ twenty-five ”) to (“ in ”) in l. 46, and insert (“ in subsection (1) for the words from ‘ or appropriated ’ to ‘ acquired the land ’ there shall be substituted the words ‘ by a purchasing authority under Part IV of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, or which has been appropriated by a local authority as mentioned in subsection (1) of section nineteen of this Act ’ and for the words ‘ authority or that Minister ’ there shall be substituted the words ‘ purchasing or appropriating authority ’; in subsection (2) for the words ‘ authority or Minister ’ there shall be substituted the words ‘ purchasing or appropriating authority ’; in subsection (3) for the words ‘ authority or the said Minister ’ there shall be substituted the words ‘ purchasing or appropriating authority ’; in subsection (4) for the words ‘ local planning or highway authority, the authority’ there shall be substituted the words ‘ local authority or on statutory undertakers, the authority or undertakers ’, after ‘ undertaking ’ there shall be inserted the words ‘ on whom the notice was served under subsection (1) of this section ’ and for the words ‘ local planning or highway authority ’, in the second place where those words occur, there shall be substituted the words ‘ authority or undertakers on whom the counter-notice was served ’,”), 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. 149, l. 16, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 149, l. 16, column 2, at beginning insert (“ In section ten the words ‘ except the City of London ’ wherever those words occur, shall be omitted, and at the end of paragraph (a) of subsection (2) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—

(iv) such number of members as may be prescribed by order of the Secretary of State, appointed from amongst their number by the Licensing Justices for the City of London, and an equal number of members appointed, after consultation with the Common Council of the City of London, by the London County Council; and

and ”), the next Amendment, being read a Special Entry, second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The first Lords Amendment in p. 150, l. 34, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The second Lords Amendment in p. 150, l. 34, at end insert—

("The Licensing Planning In subsection (4) (Temporary Provisions) of section three Act, 1946, 9 & 10 Geo. 6, the words ‘ except the City of London ’ shall be omitted ”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, Special Entry, 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. 154, l. 16, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 154, l. 16, column 3, at beginning insert (“ subsection (5) of section ten and ”), the next Amendment, Special Entry, 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 second Amendment in p. 157, l. 38, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The second Lords Amendment in p. 157, l. 38 after the Amendment last inserted, insert—

(" ii. Where any such agreement as is mentioned in the last foregoing paragraph is modified or rescinded (whether by agreement or by virtue of the exercise of any powers conferred by sub-paragraph (b) or (c) of the proviso to that paragraph) at any time within three years after the appointed day, then if it appears to the Minister that it is reasonable so to do having regard to the terms on which the agreement was made and to any loss or damage..."
sustained by any person having an interest in land affected by the agreement by reason of the provisions of this Act or of anything done thereunder, he may direct that the development value of that interest in the land, or in any part thereof, shall be calculated for the purposes of Part VI of this Act as if the agreement had been so modified or rescinded immediately before the appointed day,"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The third Lords Amendment in p. 157, l. 38, after the Amendment last inserted, insert—

("11. The repeal of section fifty-one of the Act of 1932 shall not affect the rights of any person arising under that section in consequence of any event occurring before the appointed day.",) 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. 158, l. 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 158, l. 37, leave out from ("that") to end of l. 41 and insert ("proceedings on the application shall be continued under that Act after that day; and where any such direction is given, section one of the Act of 1944, and section thirteen of that Act and the First Schedule to that Act so far as the Amendment in p. 158, l. 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 158, l. 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 158, l. 37, leave out from ("that") to end of l. 41 and insert ("proceedings on the application shall be continued under that Act after that day; and where any such direction is given, section one of the Act of 1944, and section thirteen of that Act and the First Schedule to that Act so far as the Amendment in p. 158, l. 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 158, l. 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being again proposed:—

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. Chetwynd, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Medland, Mr. William Morrison and Mr. Silkin.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Silkin),

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of July last, 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 (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1947, 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 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1947, 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.

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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.

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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 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1947, 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.

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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 (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1947, 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.

Mr. Silkin 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 Town and Country Planning 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. 77, l. 22, for the following Reason:

Because the said Amendment is inconsistent with the functions of the Central Land Board and would hamper the Board in the performance of those functions.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 90, l. 35; in p. 91, l. 19; and in p. 91, l. 25, for the following Reason:

Because the said Amendments would extend unduly the scope of the Clause.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 91, l. 46, for the following Reason:

Because the said Amendment would unduly affect the provisions of Part VI of the Bill, whereas the main purpose of the Amendment could otherwise be secured under the Bill, if thought fit, without the said Amendment.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 97, l. 21, for the following Reason:

Because the said Amendment would confer on one class of landowners a preference unrelated to the character and use of the land.

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.

Adjourned.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 the provisions of the Standing Order (Business of Supply) as modified by the Order made upon the 12th day of November 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.)

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 31st day of July last 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 November last.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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 30th July 1947, entitled—

1. the Food Rationing (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walbridge, Member for the County of York, West Riding (Doncaster Division) asked leave to make a personal statement with regard to the evidence of the Editor and the political correspondent of the "Evening News" newspaper before the Committee of Privileges referred to in the Report and Special Report which upon the 23rd day of July last were made from that Committee, and stated that he was the Member mentioned in that evidence but that it was not until he read the Report of the Committee that he fully realised the interpretations that were being placed on what appeared to himself a legitimate transaction.

After which Mr. Speaker directed him to withdraw.—And he withdrew accordingly. 

Ordered, That the said personal statement be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Secretary Westwood and Mr. John Edwards, presented a Bill to make provision for the registration as medical practitioners or as pharmacists of certain persons having qualifications, other than the United Kingdom qualifications required by the Medical Acts and the Pharmacy Acts, and to repeal certain provisions as to pharmacists in that behalf; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

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, entitled the Food Rationing (General Provisions) (Apparel and Textiles).
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3. That a sum, not exceeding £8,680,746, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. House of Lords</td>
<td>36,388</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. House of Commons</td>
<td>552,192</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Registration of Electors</td>
<td>216,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments (including a Supplementary sum of £99,398)</td>
<td>1,799,398</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Ministry of Defence</td>
<td>264,100</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Privy Council Office</td>
<td>18,227</td>
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<td>7. Privy Seal Office</td>
<td>7,370</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Charity Commission</td>
<td>39,817</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Civil Service Commission</td>
<td>292,650</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Exchequer and Audit Department</td>
<td>222,290</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Government Actuary</td>
<td>26,153</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Government Chemist</td>
<td>100,914</td>
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<tr>
<td>13. Government Hospitality</td>
<td>33,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14. The Mint</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15. National Debt Office</td>
<td>3,352</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16. National Savings Committee</td>
<td>933,900</td>
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<tr>
<td>17. Overlapping Income Tax Payments</td>
<td>700,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>18. Public Record Office</td>
<td>39,248</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19. Public Works Loan Commission</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund</td>
<td>15,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21. Royal Commissions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>132,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22. Secret Service</td>
<td>1,500,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23. Tithe Redemption Commission</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24. Treasury Chest Fund</td>
<td>6,047</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25. Miscellaneous Expenses</td>
<td>1,404,351</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25A. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund</td>
<td>38,060</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26. Scottish Home Department</td>
<td>369,750</td>
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<td>£8,680,746</td>
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Class II.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £35,008,866, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &amp;c.</td>
<td>6,183,783</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. British Council</td>
<td>1,043,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. United Nations</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4A. International Refugee Organisation</td>
<td>1,425,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Commonwealth Relations Office (formerly Dominions Office)</td>
<td>104,165</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Commonwealth Services (formerly Dominions Service) (including a Supplementary sum of £10,000)</td>
<td>342,613</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Oversea Settlement</td>
<td>84,880</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Colonial Office</td>
<td>449,305</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services</td>
<td>2,592,164</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. West African Produce Control Board</td>
<td>1,807,235</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &amp;c.)</td>
<td>5,510,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>13. India and Burma Services (including a Supplementary sum of £110,730)</td>
<td>14,373,252</td>
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<tr>
<td>14. Imperial War Graves Commission</td>
<td>294,965</td>
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<td>£35,008,866</td>
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Class III.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £20,458,755, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>1. Home Office</td>
<td>1,231,805</td>
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<td>2. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum</td>
<td>197,449</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Police, England and Wales</td>
<td>10,675,515</td>
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<td>4. Prisons, England and Wales</td>
<td>2,780,667</td>
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<td>5. Approved Schools, &amp;c., England and Wales (including a Supplementary sum of £20,000)</td>
<td>1,409,900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c.</td>
<td>56,955</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. County Courts, &amp;c.</td>
<td>311,458</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Land Registry</td>
<td>90</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Public Trustee</td>
<td>64,300</td>
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<td>10. Law Charges</td>
<td>20,900</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>21,940</td>
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<td>£20,458,755</td>
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Class IV.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £24,353,324, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>2. British Museum</td>
<td>150,155</td>
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<td>3. British Museum (Natural History)</td>
<td>118,386</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>26,183</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. London Museum</td>
<td>7,282</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. National Gallery</td>
<td>39,248</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. National Maritime Museum</td>
<td>14,475</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. National Portrait Gallery</td>
<td>10,900</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Wallace Collection</td>
<td>14,453</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Scientific Investigation, &amp;c. (including a Supplementary sum of £60,250)</td>
<td>900,585</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Universities and Colleges, &amp;c., Great Britain</td>
<td>6,900,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Broadcasting</td>
<td>94,900</td>
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<td>£24,353,324</td>
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Class V.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £256,102,492, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Ministry of Health - 57,071,800
2. Board of Control - 186,244
3. Registrar-General’s Office - 285,310
4. Ministry of Labour and National Service (including a Supplementary sum of £1,000,000) - 19,849,000
5. Grants in respect of Employment Schemes - 759,000
6. Ministry of National Insurance - 63,374,000
7. Assistance Board - 28,530,000
9. Friendly Societies Registry - 33,080
10. Widows’, Orphans’ and Old Age Contributory Pensions - 74,025,000
11. Ministry of Town and Country Planning - 800,000
12. Department of Health - 10,712,328
13. Board of Control - 22,592
14. Registrar-General’s Office - 40,890

£256,102,492

Scotland.
12. Department of Health - 10,712,328
13. Board of Control - 22,592
14. Registrar-General’s Office - 40,890

£256,102,492

Class VI.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £137,887,430, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Board of Trade - 24,959,350
2. Services in Development Areas (including a Supplementary sum of £75,000) - 10,730,000
3. Financial Assistance in Development Areas - 451,500
4. Export Credits - 90
5. Export Credits (Special Guarantees) - 21,000
6. Ministry of Fuel and Power - 3,211,200
7. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands - 36,513
8. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - 6,437,014
9. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services) (including a Supplementary sum of £1,000,000) - 37,543,010
10. Surveys of Great Britain, &c. - 1,056,920
11. Forestry Commission - 3,355,000
12. Development Fund - 400,000
13. Ministry of Transport - 2,142,300
14. Roads, &c. - 20,555,000
15. Mercantile Marine Services - 997,485
16. Ministry of Civil Aviation - 1,159,200
17. Development Grants - 19,980
18. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research - 2,318,289
19. State Management Districts - 90
20. Clearing Offices (including a Supplementary sum of £1,049) - 12,039
21. Department of Agriculture - 1,065,926
22. Department of Agriculture (Food Production Services) (including a Supplementary sum of £40,000) - 4,922,000
23. Fisheries - 454,924
24. Herring Industry - 357,000

£137,887,430

Class VII.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £27,037,433, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Ministry of Works - 5,305,400
2. Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain - 481,390
3. Houses of Parliament Buildings (including a Supplementary sum of £145,000) - 606,280
4. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain - 97,885
5. Osborne - 29,245
6. Public Buildings Overseas - 1,095,000
7. Royal Palaces - 229,800
8. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens - 355,725
9. Miscellaneous Works Services - 3,661,295
10. Rates on Government Property - 6,650,735
11. Stationery and Printing - 6,052,303
13. Peterhead Harbour - 31,000
14. Works and Buildings in Ireland - 122,345

£27,037,433

Class VIII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £66,144,330, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions - 179,330
2. Ministry of Pensions - 61,294,000
3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c. - 780,000
4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances - 2,900,000

£66,144,330

Class IX.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £43,263,942, 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 1948, 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 - 36,260,000
2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland - 7,003,924

£43,263,942

Class X.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £290,611,016, 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 1948,

13. That a sum, not exceeding £135,270,675, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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<td>Customs and Excise</td>
<td>£5,055,300</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inland Revenue</td>
<td>£11,800,375</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Post Office</td>
<td>£9,415,000</td>
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<td><strong>£151,703,755</strong></td>
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14. That a sum, not exceeding £109,712,000, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>Educational Services</td>
<td>£634,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Scientific Services</td>
<td>£6,184,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Royal Naval Reserves</td>
<td>£573,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c.</td>
<td><strong>£105,712,000</strong></td>
</tr>
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15. That a sum, not exceeding £148,018,000, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>War Office</td>
<td>£2,856,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Civilians</td>
<td>£43,813,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Movements</td>
<td>£53,490,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stores</td>
<td>£35,900,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>£9,449,000</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>£158,018,000</strong></td>
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16. That a sum, not exceeding £67,742,000, 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 1948, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

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<td><strong>£67,742,000</strong></td>
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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.


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.


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.


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.


And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Air Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Simmons reported from the Committee Ways and Means of the 31st day of July last, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated Fund granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, the sum of £1,525,682,403 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund Appropriation) Bill.

Mr. Glenda Hall accordingly presented a Consolidated Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Isle of Man itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Mr. Speaker's Certificate, the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I herewith certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Charges) Purchase Tax (No. 2) Act, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1913, (Charges).) was accordingly read the third time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Simmons reported from the Committee first Amendment, being read a second time, as follows:

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force or otherwise which shall alter the
character of a holding from that which existed
when the contract or tenancy, agreement was
made.”), the next Amendment, being read a
second time;
And a Motion being made, and the Question
being proposed, That this House doth disagree
with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr.
Cochrane)—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. Michael Stewart,
Yeas, Mr. Popplewell : 262.
Tellers for the Mr. Commander Agnew,
Noes, Major Conant : 113.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put,
That this House doth disagree with the Lords
in the said Amendment;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Mr. Michael Stewart,
Yeas, Mr. Popplewell : 263.
Tellers for the Mr. Drew,
Noes, Commander Agnew : 113.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 4, leave
out from (“ to ’”) to (“ by ”) in l. 5 and insert
“ the provision thereof by the conversion of
existing fixed equipment and the improvement
thereof ”), 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. 13, l. 23, at
end insert (“ or in any case in which either an
authority or person has at the time when
the notice is given power without further authorisa-
tion to acquire compulsorily the land to which
the notice relates or at that time that land is
designated by a development plan under
the enactments relating to town and country
planning as subject to compulsory acquisition,
or designated by an order under section one
of the New Towns Act. 1946 ”), 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. 16, l. 27, being
read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 16, l. 27, at
end insert (“ and
(b) if the certificate relates to land which is
settled land within the meaning of the
Settled Land Act, 1925, any other person
entered on the register kept for the
purposes of this Part of this Act who is
a trustee of the settlement or who under
the settlement has a vested interest in the
land immediately following upon the
interest of the person beneficially entitled
to the land in possession, or who being
an infant is beneficially entitled to the
land in possession ”), the next Amend-
ment, 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. 25, l. 22, being
read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 22, after
(“ Minister,”) insert (“ give notice to the
landlord that he proposes to ”), the next
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.
Thomas Williams) ;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right ;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Michael Stewart,
Yeas, Mr. Hannan : 239.
Tellers for the Mr. Drew,
Noes, Commander Agnew : 100.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Lords Amendment in p. 26, l. 3, at end
insert—
(“ (3) Any person to whom notice of a
proposal is given under paragraph (a) of the
last foregoing subsection may require that
the proposal shall be referred to the Agri-
cultural Land Tribunal established under
Part V of this Act, and the provisions in that
behalf of the said Part V shall apply accord-
ingly.”), the next Amendment, being read a
second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as
far as the Amendment in p. 39, l. 37, being
read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 39, l. 37, after
(“ that ”) insert (“ no such reference shall be
made before the expiration of three years from
the commencement of the tenancy and ”), the
next Amendment, being read a second time;
And a Motion being made, and the Question
being proposed, That this House doth disagree
with the Lords in the said Amendment—
(Mr. Thomas Williams) ;

And the House having continued to sit till
after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;
Tuesday, 5th August, 1947:
And the Question being put:—It was
resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as
far as the Amendment in p. 62, l. 10, being
read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 62, l. 10, leave
out second (“ and ”) and insert—
(“ (c) the county of London shall be treated
as if any such part thereof as the Minister
directly were included in such adjoining
 administrative county as he may direct,
and ”), 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. 22, being
read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 76, l. 22, leave
out from (“ that ”) to the first (“ it ”) in l. 24
and insert (“ having regard to the use proposed
to be made of the land ”), 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. 80, l. 12, the
next Amendment, being read a second time,
was agreed to.
Special Entry.
The Lords Amendment in p. 81, l. 41, at end insert ("or to be incurred "), 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. 8r, l. 44, leave out ("towards cost incurred "), 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. 82, l. 2, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 85, l. 43, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 8r, l. 2, leave out ("the said Part I ") and insert ("Part I of that Act ") 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. 85, l. 43, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 89, l. 34, after the Amendment last inserted, insert ("(5) This section shall extend to Scotland, with the substitution for references to the Minister of references to the Secretary of State.") 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. 90, l. 34, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The second Lords Amendment in p. 99, l. 34, after the Amendment last inserted, insert ("In section forty-three of the Act of 1923 (which provides for the application of the Act to Crown lands) after subsection (2) there shall be inserted the following subsection ") the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the 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 the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Alpass, Sir Thomas Dugdale, Mr. Dye, Mr. Hind and Mr. Thomas Williams.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

Special Entry.

Transport Bill.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Amendment made by this House in lieu of one of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Transport Bill and the Amendments made by the Lords in lieu of certain of their Amendments to which this House hath disagreed; And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment, in lieu of their Amendment in p. 7, l. 36, disagreed to by this House, in p. 7, l. 37, after ("Minister") insert ("after consultation with the Commission "), being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendments, in lieu of their Amendments in p. 48, l. 24, p. 48, l. 27 and p. 48, l. 35, disagreed to by this House, in p. 48, l. 24, leave out from ("undertaking") to ("in ") in l. 24; in p. 48, l. 27, leave out ("twenty-five ") and insert ("forty "); and in p. 48, l. 36, leave out subsection (3), being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendments—

(Mr. Barnes) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Eden) —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,
Yea,
CAPTAIN SNOW;
78.

Tellers for the Major Conant,
No,
MAJOR RAMSAY;
77.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,
Yeas,
CAPTAIN SNOW;
78.

Tellers for the Major Conant,
No,
MAJOR RAMSAY;
77.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the 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;

The House divided;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,
Yea,
CAPTAIN SNOW;
78.

Tellers for the Major Conant,
No,
MAJOR RAMSAY;
77.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendments;

The House divided;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Simmons,
Yeas,
MR. HANNAH;
171.

Tellers for the Mr. Hannan,
No,
MAJOR CONANT;
76.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Lords Amendment, in lieu of their Amendment in p. 66, l. 8, disagreed to by this House, leave out ("twenty-five "), and insert ("forty "), 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. George Strauss);

The House divided;
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Simmons;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drew, Major Conant;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment, in lieu of their Amendment in p. 49, l. 27, disagreed to by this House, at end insert—

("(6) In any proceeding under this section before the arbitration tribunal established under Part VIII of this Act the obligation of giving to the tribunal all information in his power to be given in the manner in which the undertaking or the relevant part thereof was carried on during the period mentioned in paragraph (a) of subsection one of section thirty-nine shall rest on the person on whom the notice of acquisition has been served and provided that such obligation has been duly performed; the burden of proof that the undertaking is such an undertaking as is specified in section thirty-nine shall be placed upon the person contending that the undertaking is such an undertaking,") 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. Barnes);

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, Commander Anew, Major Ramsay;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment, in lieu of their Amendment in p. 74, l. 4, disagreed to by this House, at end insert—

("(e) if on a complaint made by the holders of an A or B licence to the licensing authority that the Commission, in the exercise of their function of providing transport service for the carriage of goods by road, not being ordinary long-distance carriage, are competing unfairly against the aggrieved licence holders by seeking to provide more than a fair proportion of the facilities required, the licensing authority may, if it thinks fit, refer the matter with its report and recommendations to the Minister, who may make such order as in all the circumstances he may deem to be just, requiring if necessary the Commission to withdraw or alter such facilities.") 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. George Strauss);

The House divided;
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Hannan;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewe, Major Ramsay;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment to the Amendment made by this House in lieu of the Lords Amendment in p. 106, l. 8, disagreed to by this House, in l. 4 of Clause (Arbitration Acts do not apply to proceedings before referees or boards of referees), leave out from ("Service "), to end of Clause, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Assheton, Mr. Barnes, Mr. David Jones, Mr. McLeavy and Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.

Ordered, That There be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Barnes.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

Mr. Thomas Williams reported from the Agriculture 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 Agriculture 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. 12, l. 6, for the following Reason:

Because the amendment would unduly restrict the powers of the Minister to secure good estate management and good husbandry.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 25, l. 22, and in p. 26, l. 3, for the following Reason:

Because the interests of the landlord of a holding are sufficiently protected without the appeal provided by the amendments.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 39, l. 37, for the following Reason:

Because the amendment would hinder the carrying out of the objects of the clause.

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.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood reported from the Privileges Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred a personal statement made by Mr. Wallken, Member for the County of York, West Riding (Doncaster Division), with regard to the evidence of the Editor and the political correspondent of the "Evening News" newspaper before the Committee of Privileges referred to in the Report and Special Report which, upon the 23rd day of July last, were made from the Committee:

That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a.
Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Transport Bill.

Mr. Barnes 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 Transport 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 Amendments made by the Lords in p. 48, l. 23; in p. 48, l. 27 and in p. 48, l. 36, for the following Reason:

Because they would so limit the number of undertakings acquired by the Commission as to place the Commission in a position where they could not adequately perform the duties laid upon them by the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 66, l. 8, for the following Reason:

Because it would unduly hamper the Commission in the performance of the duties laid upon them by the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 49, l. 27, for the following Reason:

Because it imposes a procedure which is both inappropriate to the proceedings in question and impracticable.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 74, l. 4, for the following Reason:

Because it is inconsistent with the general scheme and intention of the Bill.

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.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — (Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Seven of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 157.]

Tuesday, 5th August, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

India and Burma (Answer to Addresses).

THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 1st day of this instant August 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 (Governors' Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1947, the Government of Burma (Governor's Salary, Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Order, 1947, and the Government of Burma (High Court Judges) (Amendment) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the respective Drafts laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 31st day of July last 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) (New Zealand) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (British Guiana) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Cyprus) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mauritius) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Northern Rhodesia) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Seychelles) Order, 1947; and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Trinidad) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the respective Drafts laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

Mr. Speaker made the following communica- China (Parlia- tion to the House: —

I have to inform the House (and a similar statement is, I understand, being made in another place) that it has been widely felt that, as nearly two years have elapsed since the war was concluded, it would be appropriate for a Parliamentary Delegation from the United Kingdom to pay a visit to China, our war-time Ally. The Chinese Government share these feelings and have intimated that they would warmly welcome such a delegation to visit China in October. His Majesty's Government for their part cordially endorse the proposal. The Lord Chancellor and I were accordingly asked to select six members for this purpose, two from the House of Lords and four from the House of Commons. The following have accepted the proposal to be members of the delegation:—

The Lord Ammon,
The Lord Amulree,
Mr. McLeavy,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Wilfrid Roberts,
Mr. Martin Lindsay.

The House will recall that a previous delegation from Parliament visited China during the autumn of 1942, in the darkest days of the war, and it will, I am sure, welcome this further visit as evidence of the continued interest shown by the Parliament and people of this country in China and will wish the members of the delegation every success in the discharge of this their mission of goodwill.
Ordered, That the several Amendments to the Standing Orders relative to Private Business hereinafter stated in the Schedule be made:—

**SCHEDULE**

Standing Order 12, p. 99, leave out the Standing Order, and insert the following new Standing Order (Posting of notices in case of tramway &c. Bills) (House of Lords, 12):

(1) In the case of a Bill whereby it is proposed, in connection with the construction of a tramway or a trolley vehicle system or an underground railway or tramroad, to confer powers authorising any alteration or disturbance of the surface of any street or road—

(a) not later than the Twelfth day of November application shall be made in writing to every authority having control of any such street or road for directions as to the manner in which notice of such proposed powers is to be posted in the street or road;

(b) not later than the Twentieth day of November notice of such proposed powers shall be posted in every such street or road in the manner directed by the said authority or, if no directions have been received from the said authority within seven days after the said application, in some conspicuous position in the street or road;

(c) the said notice shall be kept posted as aforesaid for not less than fourteen consecutive days.

(2) Where the said powers are proposed to be conferred in connection with the construction of a tramway or an underground railway or tramroad, the notice posted under this Order in any street or road shall also state the place or places at which the plans of the tramway, railway or tramroad will be or have been deposited for public inspection under Standing Orders 27 and 36 with local government officers for areas comprising the said street or road:—

(a) crossing any railway, tramroad, tramway or trolley vehicle system on the level or by means of a bridge; or

(b) crossing any canal by means of a bridge; or

(c) otherwise affecting or interfering with any railway, tramroad, tramways, trolley vehicle system or canal; notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to the owner, and (if leased) also to the lessee, of the railway, tramroad, tramway, trolley vehicle system or canal to be crossed or affected.

(2) Where the Bill proposes to authorise the construction of a tramway, the notice shall also state the place or places at which the plans of the tramway have been or will be deposited for public inspection.

Standing Order 39, p. 116, l. 9, leave out the first "and."
London County Council (General Powers) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London Passenger Transport Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Newhaven and Seaford Sea Defences Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Preston Corporation 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 Nazeing Wood or Park Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Companies Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Town and Country Planning Bill to which this House hath disagreed, and they have agreed to the Amendment made by this House in lieu of one other of their Amendments, without any Amendment.

The Lords have come to the following Resolutions, viz.:

That the promoters of the London County Council (Improvements) Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon, in order to proceed with the Bill, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three of the clock on the day prior to the close of the present Session, and that all fees due thereon up to that period be paid;

That such Bill shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three of the clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the commencement of the next Session of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the proceedings on such Bill shall be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages;

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session;

That all petitions presented in the present Session against the Bill shall stand referred to the Committee on the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Secretary Ede and Mr. Isaacs, presented a Bill to extend the purposes of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945: 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. Herbert Morrison); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Mr. Simmons: Yeas, [Mr. Hannay]; Tellers for the Major Conant, Noes, [Major Ramsay]; 273-117.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Electricity Bill. take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electricity Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 16, l. 35, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 16, l. 35, at end insert—("Provided that any company who are not authorised undertakers, a power station company or an electricity holding company but who hold securities of, or rights in respect of money owed by, authorised undertakers or power station companies amounting to a substantial proportion of the assets of the first mentioned company, may serve on the Minister, not later than two months after the passing of this Act, a notice stating that they wish to be treated as an electricity holding company, and the Minister may, on the service of such notice, if he thinks fit, by order direct that this Act is to have effect accordingly.") 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 subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the second Amendment in p. 17, l. 44, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The second Lords Amendment in p. 17, l. 44, after the Amendment last inserted insert Clause A (Special provision for electricity holding companies), the next 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; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Mr. Pearson: Yeas, [Mr. Popplewell]; Tellers for the Commander Agnew, Noes, [Major Conant]; 260-103.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 37, l. 17, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 37, l. 17, after ("be") insert ("the aggregate of the following amounts—(i)"), the next Amendment, being read a Special Entry, second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 37, l. 22, at end insert—
("(ii) an amount, by way of compensation in respect of the severance of the electricity undertaking from the remainder of the company's undertaking, consisting of a sum of five shillings for each complete one thousand units of the units of electricity which, in accordance with the figures accepted by the Electricity Commissioners for the purposes of section seven of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1922, were sold (within the meaning of that section) by the company during the year nineteen hundred and forty-six.")

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 73, l. 33, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 73, l. 33, at end insert—
("(5) Subject to any regulations made under this section, the provisions of this Act which vest liabilities and obligations of a body to whom Part II of this Act applies in an Electricity Board shall apply in relation to customary obligations of the body in respect of pensions, notwithstanding that the body was under no legal obligation in respect of those pensions, and if any question arises as to the existence or extent of any such customary obligation the question shall, in default of agreement, be referred to a referee or board of referees appointed by the Minister of Labour and National Service, after consultation with the Lord Chancellor, or where the proceedings are to be held in Scotland, after consultation with the Secretary of State and the decision of that referee or board shall be final, and the Electricity Board shall give effect to that decision.")

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 79, l. 25, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 79, l. 25, at end insert Clause D (Setting up of Electricity Appeal Tribunal), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 86, l. 16, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 86, l. 16, after ("corporate") insert ("and also includes any mortgagees of the body which were quoted in the Stock Exchange Official Daily List (within the meaning of section twenty of this Act) on any of the six dates first mentioned in subsection (2) of that section").

The Lords Amendment, being read a second time, and the 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 the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill.

A Committee was nominated of—
Colonel Clarke, Commander Galbraith, Mr. Messer, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Shinwell.

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee.-(Mr. Shinwell.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 14, l. 4, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 14, l. 4, after ("area") insert ("or the height").

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. 14, l. 5, at end insert—
("Provided that nothing in paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be deemed to require permission in respect of the deposit of refuse or waste materials on a site already used for that purpose if the height of the deposit does not exceed the level of the land adjoining such site, and the superficial area of the deposit is not thereby extended.")

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. 22, l. 31, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 22, l. 31, at end insert—
("(3) If within the period of six months from the date on which a purchase notice is served under this section the Secretary of State has neither confirmed the notice nor taken any such other action as is mentioned in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of the proviso to the last foregoing subsection, nor notified the owner or lessee, as the case may be, by whom the notice was served that he does not propose to confirm the notice, the notice shall be deemed to be confirmed at the expiration of that period, and the authority on whom the notice was served shall be deemed to be authorised to acquire the interest of the owner or lessee compulsorily in accordance with the provisions of Part III of this Act, and to have served notice to treat in respect thereof at the expiration of the said period.")

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 subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 45, l. 35, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 45, l. 35, after ("enactment") insert—
("(b) for any other purpose for which, by virtue of paragraph (e) or (d) of subsection (1) of section ten of the Act of 1945 a local planning authority could be authorised to acquire land before the appointed day").
Special Entry. 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. 58, l. 13, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 58, l. 6, after ("conditions") insert ("and compensation has become payable in respect of the refusal, revocation, or conditions, as the case may be, under section eighteen 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.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 58, l. 22, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 58, l. 22, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 58, l. 13, after ("conditions") insert ("and compensation has become payable in respect of the refusal, revocation, or conditions, as the case may be, under section eighteen 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.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 58, l. 22, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 58, l. 22, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 58, l. 6, after ("gardens") insert ("any garden exceeding one-quarter acre occupied together with a house or houses and wholly or partly as an allotment garden"). 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. 62, l. 1, after ("persons") insert ("a person by whom an enforcement notice is served in respect of any land") 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. 64, l. 7, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 64, l. 36, at end insert—

("(5) Subsection (4) of section sixty-nine of the War Damage Act, 1943 (which makes special provision with respect to payments under that Act in respect of war damage sustained by hereditaments held for charitable purposes) shall not apply to any payment which, by virtue of this section, vests in the person by whom an interest in land is acquired.") 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. 64, l. 20, at end insert—

("(5) Any person aggrieved by any assessment or determination of the amount of a development charge may appeal to a Tribunal consisting of a member or members of the panel constituted under Part I of the Schedule to the War Damage (Valuation Appeals) Act, 1945, selected in accordance with the provisions of Part II of that Schedule, and the provisions of Part III of that Schedule shall in so far as they relate to appeals to a Tribunal have effect in relation to appeals under this Act as if for any reference to the War Damage Commission there were substituted a reference to the Central Land Board and as if for any reference to the War Damage Act, 1943, there were substituted a reference to this Act and the Lord Chancellor shall make rules for regulating, subject to the provisions of that Schedule, appeals to a tribunal under this Act.

(6) For the purposes of an appeal under the last foregoing subsection the Central Land Board shall at the request of the appellant or the owner of the land, and if the steps required by the notice are taken by the owner, the lessee or the occupier of the land, any expenses reasonably incurred in that behalf shall be recoverable from the authority by whom the notice was served.

Provided that where, under paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section two of the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939, compensation has been paid equal to the full cost (as estimated for the purposes of that compensation) of taking the steps required by the enforcement notice, the foregoing provisions of this subsection shall not apply; and where compensation has been paid under the said paragraph (b) (otherwise than as aforesaid), or under subsection (4) of section...
three of the said Act, in respect of the land, the amount which, by virtue of this subsection, is recoverable from the authority by whom the enforcement notice was served or, as the case may be, is not recoverable by that authority, shall be reduced so far as may be just having regard to the compensation so paid."

(c) that the land together with any land contiguous or adjacent to such land was on the seventh day of January nineteen hundred and forty-seven, or would have been but for circumstances arising out of the emergency which was the occasion of the passing of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939, in the course of development as a residential commercial or industrial estate and that the proposed development is or would be immediately practicable but for such circumstances as aforesaid and that there is a demand for such development."), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 92, l. 6, at end insert—

"(c) that where—

(i) a mining lease was in force on the seventh day of January nineteen hundred and forty-seven, having on that day an unexpired term of not less than ten years, or

(ii) minerals were being won and worked immediately before that day by a person having an interest therein otherwise than under a mining lease, no payment shall be made under the said Part V in respect of any interest in the minerals comprised in the said mining lease, or in any minerals which form part of the same seam or deposit, as that in respect of which the operations mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii) of this paragraph were being carried out and in respect of which an interest was held as mentioned in the said sub-paragraph, as the case may be, and that no development charge shall be payable under the said Part VI in respect of the winning and working of the said minerals under the mining lease referred to in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph, or in respect of the winning and working of any minerals referred to in the said sub-paragraph (ii) in respect of which no payment has been made under the said Part V as aforesaid.

The Lords Amendment in p. 93, l. 20, at end insert—

"(c) that where—

(i) a mining lease was in force on the seventh day of January nineteen hundred and forty-seven, having on that day an unexpired term of not less than ten years, or

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The Lords Amendment in p. 102, l. 15, after "(interest") insert—

"(b) where the compensation so payable falls to be assessed in accordance with Rule (5) of the rules set out in section two of the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919, as amended by subsection (2) of section fifty-three (Special provisions as to war-damaged land where compensation assessed by reference to cost of equivalent reinstatement) of this Act, the provisions of the said Rule (5), as so amended, shall apply, subject to any necessary modifications, for the purpose of calculating under the said Part V the restricted value of that interest."

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The Lords Amendment in p. 103, l. 16, at end insert—

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"(c) improvement relating to a highway has the same meaning as the expression 'improvement of roads' has in Part II of the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909.

The subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 126, l. 34, being Special Entry.
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("and

(d) sections ninety-five, one hundred and one, one hundred and three, one hundred and five and one hundred and ten.") 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. 130, l. 4, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 132, l. 5, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 132, l. 5, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 135, l. 11, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 138, l. 11, after ("Act") insert ("and in sub-paragraph (t) of paragraph 5 the words 'or the amount of any sum payable as a supplement thereto' and the words 'together, if any sum is payable as a supplement thereto, with the amount of that sum' ") 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. 164, l. 23, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 164, l. 23, at end insert—

("10. Where any such agreement as is mentioned in the last foregoing paragraph is modified or rescinded (whether by agreement or by virtue of the exercise of any powers conferred by sub-paragraph (b) or (c) of the proviso to that paragraph) at any time within three years after the appointed day, then if it appears to the Secretary of State that it is reasonable so to do having regard to the terms on which the agreement was made and to any loss or damage sustained by any person having an interest in land affected by the agreement by reason of the provisions of this Act or of anything done thereunder, he may direct that the development value of that interest in the land, or in any part thereof, shall be calculated for the purposes of Part V of this Act as if the agreement had been so modified or rescinded immediately before the appointed day;") 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. 166, l. 19, leave out from ("under ") to end of l. 12 and insert ("the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act, 1947, as applied by Part III of this Act.

17. For the purposes of the Act of 1945 as amended by this Act—

(a) any land acquired by a Minister in pursuance of any such order as is mentioned in the last foregoing paragraph shall be deemed to have been acquired under section thirty-four of this Act;

(b) any land acquired by a local planning authority in pursuance of any such order as is aforesaid shall be deemed to have been acquired under section thirty-five of this Act;

(c) any land acquired by a local planning authority by agreement under the Act of 1945 shall be deemed to have been acquired under section thirty-seven of this Act.") the next Amendment, being read a second time, 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 the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of,—Mr. Buchanan, Commander Galbraith, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mr. Rankin and Mr. James Reid.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

Mr. Shinwell reported from the Committee Electricity Bill. appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Electricity 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 second Amendment made by the Lords in p. 17, l. 44, for the following Reason:

Because it is expedient that the undertakings of electricity holding companies should vest in the Central Authority.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 79, l. 25, for the following Reason:

Because the said Amendment is unnecessary and inconsistent with the provisions of the Bill.

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.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Estimates. Estimates have power to appoint a Sub-Committee to visit Germany and to hold sittings for the purpose of hearing evidence from British officials and from representatives of British interests on matters arising out of the Estimate for the Foreign Office (German Section), and the Navy, Army and Air Estimates, so far as they relate to the cost of maintaining British forces in Germany; and that it be an instruction to any Sub-Committee so appointed that they inquire specially into the arrangements for British participation in the economic organisation and administration in Germany.—(Mr. Kirby)

Mr. Buchanan reported from the Committee Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill. appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the
Monday and Country Planning (Scotland) 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. 78, l. 14, for the following Reason:

Because the said Amendment is inconsistent with the functions of the Central Land Board, would slow down the fixing of development charges and would thereby impede development.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 92, l. 6, for the following Reason:

Because the said Amendment by extending the definition of land ripe for immediate development would affect unduly the provisions of Parts V and VI of the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 93, l. 20, for the following Reason:

Because the said Amendment by extending the scope of the Clause would affect unduly the provisions of Parts V and VI of the Bill.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1478), dated 11th July 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 17th day of July last, be annulled—

(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Lord William Scott: 85.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell: 260.

So it passed in the Negative.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. Simmons);

And it being Ten 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. Collindridge)—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.


[No. 158.]

Wednesday, 6th August, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That so much of the Lords Message of the 5th day of this instant August as relates to the London County Council (Improvements) Bill be now taken into consideration.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords Message—

ORDERED, That the Promoters of the London County Council (Improvements) Bill shall have leave to suspend any further proceeding thereon in order to proceed with the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament provided that notice of their intention to do so be given in the Private Bill Office not later than Five of the clock on the day prior, to the close of the present Session and that all Fees due on the Bill up to, that period be paid;

ORDERED, That not later than Five of the clock on the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament the Bill shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office with a Declaration signed by the Agent annexed thereto stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill at the last stage of its proceeding in this House in the present Session.

ORDERED, That as soon thereafter as conveniently may be the Bill shall be presented by being laid by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office upon the Table of the House.

ORDERED, That the Bill so laid upon the Table shall be deemed to have been read the first and third times and passed, and shall be recorded in the Votes having been so read and passed consen, ancisco ORDERED, That no new Fees be charged in respect of any stage of the Bill upon which Fees have already been incurred during the present Session.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

ORDERED, That the said Orders be communicated to the Lords; and that the Clerk do communicate the same.

ORDERED, That the said Orders be Standing Orders of the House.

Mr. Secretary Edie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the County Borough of Wallasey 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. Secretary Westwood presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum, explanatory of the Agriculture (Scotland) Bill.

ORDERED, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Food) Order,

(1) dated 30th July 1947, entitled the Barley (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1947.
Upon the reading of the Order for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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:

4. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1947.

And the Question being again proposed, Adjournment. That this House do now adjourn;

And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supplies and Second Reading of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Eccles, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant August, be approved.

—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of Reading, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant August, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Redditch, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant August, be approved.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Bexhill,
Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.  
(Captain Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 159.]
Thursday, 7th August, 1947.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, pursuant to the Order made upon the 31st day of July last, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (General 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.

The House, pursuant to the Order made upon the 31st day of July last, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London Passenger Transport Board 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 31st day of July last, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Newhaven and Seaford Sea Defences 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 31st day of July last, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Preston 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 31st day of July last, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Preston 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 31st day of July last, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Preston 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 North Cumberland Water Board 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.

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 1946-47:

Of all the Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in the Session of 1946-47 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 1946-47 have been referred by the Committee of Selection to the Committee on Unopposed Bills, together with the names of the Members who served on the Committee; the number of days on which the Committee sat; and the number of days on which each Member was summoned and on which each Member attended:

And, of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders withdrawn or not proceeded with by the parties, those Bills being specified which have been referred to Committees and dropped during the sittings of the Committee.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

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 1946-47; showing the number which received the Royal Assent; the number which were passed by this House, but not by the House of Lords; the number passed by the House of Lords, but not by this House; and distinguishing the stages at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal Assent were dropped or postponed and rejected in either House of Parliament.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Public Petitions presented and printed in the Session of 1946-47 with the total number of signatures in that Session.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Select Committees appointed in the Session of 1946-47, the Chairman’s Panel and the Court of Referees; the subjects of inquiry; the names of Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the number of days each Committee met, and the number of days each Member attended; the total expense of the attendance of witnesses at each Select Committee, and the name of the Member who moved for such Select Committee; also the total number of Members who served on Select Committees.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of (1) the days on which the House sat in the Session of 1946-47, 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.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for the Session of 1946-47 of (1) the total number and the names of all members (including and distinguishing Chairmen) who have been appointed to serve on one or more of the 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; (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 on which days each Committee sat, and the names of all Bills considered by a Standing Committee, distinguishing where a Bill was a Government Bill or was brought from the House of Lords, and showing, in the case of each Bill the particular Standing Committee by whom it was considered, the number of days on which it was considered by the Committee, and the number of Members present on each of those days.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Mr. 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 D on Wednesday the 30th day of April last, and subsequent dates: 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, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on Wednesday, the 23rd day of April last, and subsequent dates, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
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Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

In the Committee.

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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Speaker directed Mr. Gallacher to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's Sitting: And he withdrew accordingly.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

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Second Reading of the Supplies and Services
(Transitional Powers) 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 three months."—
(Mr. Churchill.)
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, Yeas.]
Mr. Hannan ; [Mr. Driess ;
251.
248.
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.—(Captain
Snow.)
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.
(Captain Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till twenty-five minutes
before Five of the clock, adjourned till
Monday next.

[No. 101.]

The House met at half an hour
after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Arthur Henderson presented, pursuant India (Reserved
to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Posts).
—Copy of Amendments, dated 5th August
1947, to the Reserved Posts (Other Services)
Rules, 1938.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Sir Stafford Cripps presented, pursuant to Goods and
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy
of an Order, dated 5th August 1947, entitled
the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and
Charges) (No. 9) Order, 1947.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's Catering
Command,—Copy of a Report by the Catering Wages.
Wages Commission recommending variation of
the field of operation of Catering Wages
Boards in regard to canteens provided by Dock
Authorities.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the London Traffic
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy
of Regulations, dated 7th August 1947, entitled
the London Traffic (Slow Moving Traffic)
Regulations, 1947.
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 31st July 1947, entitled the Welfare Foods Order, 1947; and


Ordered, That the said Papers 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)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmons; Mr. Hannan.

Tellers for the Noes, Commander Agnew; Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Bill.

Clause No. I (Extension of powers under 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out from the beginning, to the word "that," in p. 2, l. 1, and insert the words—

"(1) For the removal of doubt it is hereby declared that all Defence Regulations directed by Order in Council to have effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, and remaining unrevoked at the date of the passing of this Act and all orders or other instruments in force thereunder are and remain valid and effective for all or any of the purposes set out in subsection (1) of section one of that Act.

(2) The purposes set out in subsection (1) of section one of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, shall include and shall be deemed always to have included the following purposes."—(Mr. James Reid.)

Question put, That the words "The Regulations which" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson; Mr. Simmons;

Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant; Major Ramsay.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave out from the word "trade," to the end of l. 11.—(Mr. Churchill.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—

Debate arising:

Mr. Nicholson 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.


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 Yeas, Mr. Hannan; Mr. Popplewell; 

Tellers for the Noes, Major Ramsay.

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hannan; Mr. Popplewell; 

Tellers for the Noes, Major Ramsay.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words "subject to joint consultation with the appropriate representatives of industry, of local authorities and of Members of Parliament for the area concerned in the proposed transfer or location of industry."—(Mr. Grenfell.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising:

Mr. Robert Taylor 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 Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Joseph Henderson 204.

Tellers for the Noes, Commander Agnew, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp 76.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Joseph Henderson 207.

Tellers for the Noes, Commander Agnew, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp 76.

When the Question was put, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate first time.

Major Roberts brought up, and read the Bill, as amended, to the House.

Mr. George Shawcross rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Preamble.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Joseph Henderson 193.

Tellers for the Noes, Commander Agnew, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp 63.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Joseph Henderson 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Ramsay, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp 62.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—Debate arising.

And an Amendment was 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:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hannan 63.

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:—Adjournment.

(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes before Nine of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

MR. Glenvil Hall, presented, pursuant to the Import Duties directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 8th August 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 5) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Shops directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Regulation, an Order made by the Borough of Ealing 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. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of an Agreement, (No. 60, 1947) signed at Prague on the 19th day of February 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic for the Supply of certain Aircraft and Equipment to Czechoslovakia (with Annex).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command, Paper entitled Grant of Compensation for premature termination of their service in Burma to Members of the Civil Services appointed by the Secretary of State for the Defence Forces.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—
(1) (No. 6874), dated 7th August 1947, authorising the landing of animals at London for exhibition at the Bristol and Manchester Zoological Gardens, and
(2) (No. 6875), dated 8th August 1947, authorising the landing at Liverpool of three in-calf heifers from Canada.

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 Local Authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—
(1) Castleford Urban District Council.
(2) Crayford Urban District Council.
(3) Oldbury Town Council.
(4) Stalybridge, Hyde, Mossley and Dukinfield Transport and Electricity Board.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th August 1947,
(1) (No. 6876), relating to hours of service of railway servants, in force from 1st August 1947 to 31st March 1948,
(2) (No. 6877), relating to hours of service of railway servants, in force from 1st April 1947 to 30th June 1947,
(3) (No. 6878), relating to hours of service of railway servants, in force from 1st July 1947 to 31st December 1947.

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 Mr. Guy Schofield and Mr. Stanley Dobson, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, in which they are instructed to bring in their Resolutions on the following subjects:

1. The Report respecting the proceedings under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.
2. The Report on the administration of the Road Fund, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.
3. The Report on the administration of the Road Fund, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.
4. An Order in Council, dated 8th August 1947, authorising the landing of animals at Manchester Zoological Gardens, and an Order in Council, dated 8th August 1947, authorising the landing at Liverpool of three in-calf heifers from Canada.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Special Report which, Privileges, upon the 23rd day of July 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.

Ordered, That Mr. Guy Schofield and Mr. Stanley Dobson do attend this House forthwith.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Serjeant at Arms informed the House that Mr. Guy Schofield and Mr. Stanley Dobson were in attendance.

Mr. Speaker directed them to be brought to the Bar.

The Serjeant at Arms then brought the two witnesses to the Bar and they were examined by Mr. Speaker as followeth:—

Mr. Speaker: I have to ask you, Guy Schofield, and you, Stanley Dobson, the following questions, to which you will each reply separately,—First, did you refuse to answer the Committee of Privileges when they asked you to disclose the name of a Member of this House from whom you obtained information?—

Mr. Schofield: Yes, Sir.
Mr. Dobson: Yes, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: The second question is this. Did you then understand that your refusal to answer any question put to you by the Committee of Privileges constituted an undoubted contempt of this House?—

Mr. Schofield: No, Mr. Speaker, I did not. Since you now tell me that it is so, I should like to offer to you, Mr. Speaker, and to this House my humble apologies.

Mr. Dobson: No, Mr. Speaker, I did not realise it at the time. For any offence I have committed, I wish to offer unreservedly to you, Mr. Speaker, and to the House my humble apologies.

Mr. Speaker: Are you now prepared to answer the question which you previously refused to answer?—

Mr. Schofield: Yes, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Dobson: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Was Evelyn Walkden the name of the Member which you previously refused to disclose?—

Mr. Schofield: Yes, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Dobson : Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon Mr. Speaker directed them to withdraw ; And they withdrew accordingly.

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That the refusal of a witness before a Select Committee to answer any question which may be put to him is a contempt of this House, and an infraction of the undoubted right of this House to conduct any inquiry which may be necessary in the public interest.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Resolved, That in the circumstances it is not necessary to proceed further in the matter of the Special Report from the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply ;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means ;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Captain Snow) ;—And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of November last, 'it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

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[No. 163.]

Wednesday, 13th August, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received a communication from the President of the French National Assembly and the President of the Council of the French Republic, a translation of which he read to the House as followeth:

PARIS,
28th July 1947.

Mr. Speaker,

The delegation of Members of the National Assembly and the Council of the Republic which the British Parliament kindly invited to the United Kingdom have just returned.

They have been touched by the warm reception given them by the House of Lords and the House of Commons ; by the kindness of the Franco-British committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in arranging a number of most interesting visits showing various aspects of British life ; as well as by the many friendly demonstrations they have everywhere received.

Our members have particularly appreciated the honour which Their Majesties were good enough to pay to the French Parliament in receiving them at Buckingham Palace.

The numerous friendly contacts which our members have made with their British colleagues and the mutual understanding with which various points of view have been discussed, without doubt, make our parliamentary collaboration, to which we all look for the future of democracy and the welfare of our two countries, productive of happy results in the future.

We hope soon to resume this collaboration in Paris when we may, in our turn, be able to give a welcome to those of our British colleagues who would care to visit the French Parliament.

May we offer you, Mr. Speaker, our warmest appreciation for your welcome and assure you of our gratitude and deep respect.

(Signed) G. Monnerville, E. Herriot, President of the Council President of the National Assembly.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement showing the Transfers of Property accepted in satisfaction of Death Duties during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947. Order, 1947. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled Recapitulation of terms and assurances given to Officers of the Civil Services of India and to members of the Indian Armed Forces in connection with the constitutional changes in India. Order, 1947. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Stirling County Council and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937. Order, 1947. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaac presented, by His Majesty's Assistance Command,—Copy of the Report of the Assistance Board for 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquaintance House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by the one of their Clerks, as followeth :— The Lords have agreed to the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Bill, without any Amendment.
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker shall not adjourn the House this day until he shall have reported the Royal Assent to the Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses, but that, subject to this condition, Mr. Speaker shall at Six of the clock adjourn the House without a Question first put.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Monday the 20th day of October next.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “till,” to the word “next” and inserting the words “Tuesday the 16th day of September” —(Mr. Eden), 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.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—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.

Major Ramsay, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Monday the 20th day of October next.

Ordered, That no Questions be taken on Monday the 20th day of October next or such other day as may be notified as convenient for closing this session.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration His Majesty’s Most Gracious Message yesterday, relative to the Place of Sitting.

And the same was again read by Mr. Speaker.

It is His Majesty’s pleasure that on Monday the 20th day of October next, or such other day as may be notified to both Houses of Parliament as convenient for closing this session, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal shall meet in the chamber now assigned to the Commons as their place of sitting, and that the House of Commons shall then meet in St. Stephen’s Hall.

GEORGE R. I.

Resolved, That on Monday the 20th day of October next, or such other day as may be notified as convenient for closing this session, this House do meet in St. Stephen’s Hall.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley);
Writs issued during the Adjournment—

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 Liverpool (Edge Hill Division), in the room of Richard Clitheroe, Esquire, deceased; and

For the Borough of Islington (West Division), in the room of Frederick Montague, Esquire, called up to the House of Peers.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command 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 letters, dated 20th August 1947, exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the United States Government, relative to the Suspension of the Convertibility of Sterling.

- Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of July 1947, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

- Copy of the Seventy-First Annual Report of His Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives (for 1946).


- Copy of a Protocol, made at Montreal on the 27th day of May 1947, relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on the 7th day of December 1944. (The Protocol has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.)

- Copy of Notes exchanged at Athens on the 3rd day of June 1947 between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Greek Government for the maintenance of a Royal Air Force Communications Flight in Greece.

- Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 18th day of June 1947 between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the French Government regarding the Mutual Application of the Chicago Air Transit Agreement of the 6th day of December 1946.


- Copy of the Text of a Trusteeship Agreement relating to Ruanda-Urundi, as approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations at New York on the 13th day of December 1946.

- Copy of the Text of a Trusteeship Agreement relating to Western Samoa, as approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations at New York on the 13th day of December 1946 (with Appendix).

- Copy of the Text of a Trusteeship Agreement relating to the Cameroons under French Administration, as approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations at New York on the 13th day of December 1946.

- Copy of the Text of a Trusteeship Agreement relating to Togoland under French Administration, as approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations at New York on the 13th day of December 1946.

- Copy of the Text of a Trusteeship Agreement relating to New Guinea, as approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations at New York on the 13th day of December 1946.

- Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Denmark relating to certain rights in respect of Industrial Property which have been affected by the War, signed at London on the 19th day of August 1947.


- Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington, Treaty Series No. 64, 1947.

- Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington, Treaty Series No. 65, 1947.


- Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington, Treaty Series No. 67, 1947.


- Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington, Treaty Series No. 69, 1947.

- Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington, Treaty Series No. 70, 1947.


- Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington, Treaty Series No. 72, 1947.

- Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington, Treaty Series No. 73, 1947.

- Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington, Treaty Series No. 74, 1947.

- Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington, Treaty Series No. 75, 1947.
Copy of a Report of the Department of Health for Scotland for the period from July 1945 to December 1946.


Copy of a Financial Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of South Africa.


Copy of a Statistical Abstract for the British Empire for each of the ten years 1936 to 1945 (Trade and Commerce Section) (Sixty-Ninth Number).


Copy of the Report of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, for the years 1939-1946.

Copies of Reports of Commissions of Inquiry—

(1) on an Application for the Establishment of a Wages Council for the Hairdressing Trade,

(2) on an Application for the Establishment of a Wages Council for the Retail Food Trades, and

(3) on the Question whether a Wages Council should be established with respect to Workers and their Employers in the Retail Bookselling, Newsagency, Stationery, Tobacco and Confectionery Trades.

Copy of an Annual Statistical Statement of the costs of production, proceeds and profits of the coal mining industry for 1946.

Copy of a Quarterly Statistical Statement of the costs of production, proceeds and profits of the coal mining industry for the fourth quarter of 1946.

Paper relative to Food Consumption Levels in the United Kingdom.

Copy of the Report of the Special Committee relative to Footpaths and Access to the Countryside (England and Wales).

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 22nd September 1947, relative to the repayment of amounts borrowed by the British Electricity Authority from the Central Electricity Board.

Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 5th September 1947, appointing the 12th day of September 1947 as the day on which subsection (3) of section 43 of the Exchange Control Act, 1947, is to come into force,

(2) dated 20th September 1947, appointing the 1st day of October 1947 as the day on which the provisions of the Exchange Control Act, 1947 (except subsection (3) of section 43 thereof) are to come into force,

(3) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Bailees Exemption) Order, 1947,

(4) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Blocked Accounts) Order, 1947,

(5) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Branches) Order, 1947,

(6) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Collectors’ Pieces Exemption) Order, 1947,

(7) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Definition of Scheduled Territories) Order, 1947,

(8) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Import and Export) Order, 1947,

(9) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Lending to Banks Exemption) Order, 1947,

(10) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Prescribed Courts) Order, 1947,

(11) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Prescribed Securities) Order, 1947,

(12) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Specified Currency) Order, 1947,

(13) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Temporary Visitors’ Exemption) Order, 1947,

(14) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Traders in Coin) Order, 1947,

(15) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Transfer from Custodian Exemption) Order, 1947,

(16) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Transitional Provisions) Order, 1947,

(17) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Transitional Provisions) (Channel Islands) Order, 1947,


Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 27th August 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) Order, 1947,

(2) dated 5th September 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 6) Order, 1947,

(3) dated 5th September 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 7) Order, 1947,

(4) dated 5th September 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 8) Order, 1947,

(5) dated 5th September 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 9) Order, 1947,

Copy of an Order, dated 26th September 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (3) Order, 1947.

Copy of Regulations, dated 9th October 1947, entitled the National Insurance and Industrial Injuries Commissioners (Superannuation) Regulations, 1947.

Copies of Regulations, dated 3rd September 1947, entitled—

(1) the Increase of Pensions (Calculation of Income) (Amendment) Regulations, 1947, and

(2) the Increase of Pensions (Extension) Regulations, 1947.
Purchase Tax, (Alteration of Rates).

Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 28th August 1947, entitled the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 1) Order, 1947, and
(2) dated 11th October 1947, entitled the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

Purchase Tax (Exemptions).

Copies of Orders, dated 21st August 1947, entitled—
(1) the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1947.

Supplies and Services (Finance).

Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 20th August 1947, entitled the Regulation of Payments (General) (No. 4) Order, 1947.
(3) dated 9th September 1947, entitled the Regulation of Payments (Belgian Monetary Area) Order, 1947, and
(4) dated 26th September 1947, revoking Orders made under Regulations 1 and 5A of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939.

Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) (Fish Sales).

Copy of an Order, dated 19th September 1947, entitled the Fish Sales (Charges) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Coroners.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of an Order, dated 13th August 1947, entitled the County of Kent (Coroners Districts) Order, 1947.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Diplomatic Privileges (Extension).

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 8th August 1947, entitled the Diplomatic Privileges (United Nations and International Court of Justice) Order in Council, 1947.

Copies of Regulations, dated 11th October 1947, entitled—
(1) the Police (Overseas Service) (Germany) (No. 2) Regulations, 1947, and
(2) the Police (Overseas Service) (Austria) (No. 2) Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Windward Islands (St. Lucia) (Prisons).

Mr. Secretary Jones, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made and approved by the Governor of St. Lucia in Council, on the 14th day of June 1947, entitled the Prisons (Amendment) Rules, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Navy (Discipline).

Mr. Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 10th June 1947, entitled the Naval Detention Quarters (Amendment) Rules, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th October 1947, entitled—
(1) the New Towns Compulsory Purchase (Contemporaneous Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations, 1947, and
(2) the New Towns (Particulars and Forms of Orders and Notices) (Scotland) Regulations, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Orders made under Regulations 1 and 5A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th October 1947, revoking the Defence (Administration of Justice) (Scotland) Regulations, 1940.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th October 1947, entitled the Northern Rhodesia (Native Trust Land) Order in Council, 1947.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th October 1947, approving an Admiralty Memorial for sanction for revised scales of Greenwich Hospital Special Pensions.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th October 1947, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Cardiff Seamen's Lodging-houses Keepers) Order, 1947.

Copies of two Orders in Council, dated 14th October 1947, approving Admiralty Memorials for sanction to the introduction of new titles for—
(1) Bandmasters, and
(2) Visual Signallers and Wireless Telegraphists.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th October 1947, revoking Regulation 60CA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Copy of a Scheme made by Newnham College, University of Cambridge, for administering certain funds and trusts of the College.

Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the Governing Body of Christ's Universities College, Oxford, on the 13th day of May 1947, amending the Statutes of the House, and Cambridge.
(2) made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on the 16th day of May 1947, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(3) made by the University of Oxford, on the 20th day of May 1947, amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, that the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 9th August 1947, entitled the General Hollow-Ware (Maximum Prices) (No. 3) Order, 1947.
(2) dated 12th August 1947, entitled the Miscellaneous Maximum Prices Orders (Revocation) Order, 1947.
(3) dated 13th August 1947, entitled the Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1947,
(4) dated 18th August 1947, entitled the Laundry (Maximum Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1947,
(5) dated 20th August 1947, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 6) Order, 1947,
(6) dated 19th August 1947, entitled the Prices of Goods (Price-Regulated Goods) (Amendment) Order, 1947,
(7) dated 20th August 1947, entitled the Washing Soda (Maximum Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1947,
(8) dated 23rd August 1947, entitled the Sewing Cottons and Threads (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947,
(9) dated 1st September 1947, entitled the Men's Made-to-Measure Outerwear (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1947,
(10) dated 2nd September 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 10) Order, 1947,
(11) dated 5th September 1947, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 7) Order, 1947,
(12) dated 10th September 1947, entitled the Leather (Skiver and Chamois) (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947,
(13) dated 15th September 1947, entitled the Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947,
(14) dated 22nd September 1947, entitled the P.V.C. Sheetings (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947,
(15) dated 3rd October 1947, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 8) Order, 1947,
(16) dated 8th October 1947, entitled the Aluminium Hollow-Ware (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947, and
(17) dated 10th October 1947, entitled the Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.

Copy of Directions, dated 18th September 1947, entitled the Household Textiles (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 5) Directions, 1947.


Copy of an Order, dated 19th September 1947, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order and Direction, dated 30th September 1947, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Returns and Delivery of Coupons) Order and Direction, 1947.

Copies of Orders, dated 25th August 1947, entitled—

(1) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 82) Order, 1947,
(2) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 82) Order, 1947, and
(3) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 83) Order, 1947.

Copies of Directions,—

(1) dated 15th September 1947, entitled the Domestic Furniture (Utility Mark) (No. 3) Order, 1947, and
(2) dated 10th October 1947, entitled the Domestic Furniture (Utility Mark) (Northern Ireland) Directions, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th September 1947, entitled the Silk Bolting Cloth Order, 1947.

Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 12th September 1947, entitled the Control of Pelts Order, 1947,
(2) dated 29th September 1947, entitled the Fertilisers (Prices) Order, 1947, and
(3) dated 1st October 1947, entitled the Control of Wool (No. 36) (Prices) Order, 1947.

Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 25th August 1947, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (Amendment) (No. 6) Order, 1947,
(2) dated 25th September 1947, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (Amendment) (No. 7) Order, 1947, and
(3) dated 10th October 1947, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

Copies of Directions,—

(1) dated 16th August 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Men's and Boys' Shirts, Underwear and Nightwear) (Amendment) Directions, 1947.
(2) dated 16th August 1947, entitled the Woven Wool Cloth (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 3) Directions, 1947.
(3) dated 18th August 1947, entitled the Corsets (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 18) Directions, 1947.
(4) dated 21st August 1947, entitled the Household Textiles (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 4) Directions, 1947.
(5) dated and September 1947, entitled the Curtain Cloth (Utility) (No. 9) Directions, 1947, and
(6) dated 5th September 1947, entitled the Rugs (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions, 1947.


Copy of an Order, dated 22nd August 1947, entitled the Control of Fertilisers (No. 35) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Animals,

—Copies of Orders,—

(1) (No. 6876), dated 16th August 1947, authorising the landing of three Bulls at the Port of London,
(2) (No. 6879), dated 26th August 1947, authorising the landing of cattle brought by air from Eire,
(3) (No. 6884), dated 12th September 1947, authorising the landing of a Pedigree Guernsey Bull from Canada,
(4) (No. 6885), dated 16th September 1947, authorising the landing of three Bulls at the Port of London, and
(5) (No. 6887), dated 4th October 1947, authorising the landing of two Warthogs at the Port of London.
Copy of an Order, dated 26th September 1947, entitled the Kitchen Waste (Licensing of Private Collectors) (Extension) Order, 1947. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Metropolitan Water Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.


Copies of the Seventeenth Annual Reports for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947 of the Proceedings of—

(1) the Railway Assessment Authority, and
(2) the Anglo-Scottish Railways Assessment Authority.

Copy of the Registrar-General’s Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1945 (New Annual Series, No. 25), Tables, Part I, Medical.

Copy of Regulations, dated 18th August 1947, entitled the Therapeutic Substances Amendment Regulations, 1947. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 11th August 1947, entitled—

(1) the Wages Board (Industrial and Staff Canteen Undertakings) (Amendment) Order, 1947,
(2) the Wages Board (Unlicensed Place of Refreshment) (Amendment) Order, 1947,
(3) the Wages Board (Licensed Residential Establishment and Licensed Restaurant) (Amendment) Order, 1947,
(4) the Wages Board (Licensed Non-residential Establishment) (Amendment) Order, 1947, and
(5) the Wages Board (Unlicensed Residential Establishment) (Amendment) Order, 1947.


Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 15th August 1947, entitled the Wages Council (Retail Food Trades, England and Wales) Order, 1947,
(2) dated 15th August 1947, entitled the Wages Council (Retail Newsagency, Tobacco and Confectionery Trades, England and Wales) Order, 1947, and
(3) dated 28th August 1947, entitled the Wages Council (Hairdressing Undertakings, Great Britain) Order, 1947. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


(1) dated 15th September 1947, entitled the Railways (Additional Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1947,
(2) dated 17th September 1947, entitled the Railways (Wagon Labels) (Revocation) Order, 1947, and
(3) dated 17th September 1947, entitled the Railways (Addressing of Merchandise) (Revocation) Order, 1947. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. George Strauss presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th August 1947, entitled the Control of Magnesium (No. 5) (Revocation) Order, 1947.

Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 29th August 1947, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 59) Order, 1947,
(2) dated 26th September 1947, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 60) (Scrap) Order, 1947,
(3) dated 26th September 1947, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 61) Order, 1947, and
(4) dated 14th October 1947, entitled the Control of Non-Ferrous Metals (No. 30) (Copper, Lead, and Zinc) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th September 1947, entitled the Control of Bolts, Nuts, Screws, Screw Studs, Washers and Rivets (No. 14) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 12th August 1947, entitled the Control of Penicillin (No. 3) (Revocation) Order, 1947. 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 25th September 1947, entitled the Labelling of Food (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947. Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 20th August 1947, entitled the Tomatoes (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947,
(2) dated 20th August 1947, entitled the Milk (Non-Priority Allowance) (No. 3) Order, 1947,
(3) dated 21st August 1947, entitled the Bananas (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947,
(4) dated 22nd August 1947, entitled the Food (Licensing of Retailers) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947,

(6) dated 26th August 1947, entitled the Cereal Breakfast Foods (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.
(7) dated 26th August 1947, entitled the Fruit Pulp (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(8) dated 27th August 1947, entitled the Bread (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.
(9) dated 27th August 1947, entitled the Flour (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.
(10) dated 27th August 1947, entitled the Feeding Stuff (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947.
(12) dated 28th August 1947, entitled the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1947.
(13) dated 28th August 1947, entitled the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1947.
(14) dated 28th August 1947, entitled the Barley (Control and Prices) (Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1947.
(15) dated 28th August 1947, entitled the Rye (Control and Prices) (Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1947.
(16) dated 29th August 1947, entitled the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (Relaxation of Licensing) Order, 1947.
(17) dated 29th August 1947, entitled the Soft Drinks (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(20) dated 29th August 1947, entitled the Potatoes (1947 Crop) (No. 1) (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1947.
(22) dated 29th August 1947, entitled the Macaroni and Similar Products (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.
(23) dated 29th August 1947, entitled the Chocolate, Sugar Confectionery and Cocoa Products (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1947.
(25) dated 29th August 1947, entitled the Meals in Establishments (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(26) dated 29th August 1947, entitled the Tomatoes (Relaxation of Control) Order 1947.
(27) dated 12th September 1947, entitled the Butter (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947.
(28) dated 12th September 1947, entitled the Food (Licensing of Retailers) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(29) dated 12th September 1947, entitled the Canned Fruit and Vegetables (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(30) dated 12th September 1947, entitled the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.
(31) dated 12th September 1947, entitled the Feeding Stuff (Control and Maximum Prices) (Rationing) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(32) dated 12th September 1947, entitled the Oat Products (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.
(33) dated 13th September 1947, entitled the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.
(34) dated 13th September 1947, entitled the Feeding Stuff (Rationing) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(36) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Milk (Control and Maximum Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1947.
(37) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Preserves (Amendment) Order, 1947.
(38) dated 23rd September 1947, entitled the White Fish (Distribution) Order, 1945 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.
(41) dated 30th September 1947, entitled the Potatoes (1947 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1947.
(42) dated 3rd October 1947, entitled the Cheese (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947.
(43) dated 6th October 1947, entitled the Proprietary Infant Milk Foods Order, 1947, and
(44) dated 14th October 1947, entitled the Sugar (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

Copies of Orders,—
(2) dated 6th September 1947, entitled the Food Rationing (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.
(3) dated 26th September 1947, entitled the Oats (Control and Prices) (Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1947.
(4) dated 1st September 1947, entitled the Macaroni and Similar Products (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.
(5) dated 4th September 1947, entitled the Chocolate, Sugar Confectionery and Cocoa Products (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1947.
(7) dated 4th September 1947, entitled the Meals in Establishments (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(8) dated 5th September 1947, entitled the Tomatoes (Relaxation of Control) Order 1947.
(9) dated 12th September 1947, entitled the Butter (Control and Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947.
(10) dated 12th September 1947, entitled the Food (Licensing of Retailers) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(11) dated 12th September 1947, entitled the Canned Fruit and Vegetables (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(12) dated 12th September 1947, entitled the Oat Products (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.
(13) dated 13th September 1947, entitled the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.
(14) dated 13th September 1947, entitled the Feeding Stuff (Rationing) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(16) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Milk (Control and Maximum Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1947.
(17) dated 20th September 1947, entitled the Preserves (Amendment) Order, 1947.
(18) dated 23rd September 1947, entitled the White Fish (Distribution) Order, 1945 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.
(22) dated 3rd October 1947, entitled the Cheese (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947.
(23) dated 6th October 1947, entitled the Proprietary Infant Milk Foods Order, 1947, and
(24) dated 14th October 1947, entitled the Sugar (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 8th August 1947, entitled the Home-Grown Apples (Revocation) Order, 1947.
(2) dated 14th August 1947, entitled the Fruit (Points Rationing) (Amendment) Order, 1947.
(3) dated 15th August 1947, entitled the Canned Puddings (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1947.
(4) dated 15th August 1947, entitled the Canned Puddings (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1947.
Mr. Gaitshill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Reports on the Causes of, and Circumstances attending —

1. The Explosion which occurred at the Harrington No. 10 Colliery, Lowca, Cumberland, on the 9th day of December 1946, by Sir John Felton, O.B.E., His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines, and

2. The Explosion and Fire which occurred on the 10th day of January 1947, at the Burnrange Nos. 1 and 2 (Oil Shale) Mine, Midlothian, by A. M. Bryan, Esquire, J.P., B.Sc., His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines.

Mr. Gaitshill also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations,—

1. dated 8th September 1947, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Satisfaction of Compensation) Regulations, 1947, and


Copies presented,—of Regulations,—

1. dated 14th August 1947, entitled the Electricity (Central Authority and Area Boards) Regulations, 1947,

2. dated 24th September 1947, entitled the Electricity (Stockholders' Representatives) Regulations, 1947,

3. dated 24th September 1947, entitled the Electricity (Foreign Investments) Regulations, 1947,

4. dated 24th September 1947, entitled the Electricity (Power Station and Electricity Holding Companies) Regulations, 1947,


Copy of a General Licence, dated 30th September 1947, entitled the General Licence (Restriction of Heating) No. 3.

Copy of an Order, dated 17th October 1947, entitled the Control of Fuel (Restriction of Heating) (Revocation) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd September 1947, entitled the Control of Motor Fuel Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th September 1947, entitled the National Insurance (Approved Societies) Regulations (No. 2) 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilfrid Paling presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Warrant, dated 11th October 1947, entitled the Post Office (Execution of Documents) (Amendment) Warrant, 1947.

Statement showing, as regards the Telegraph Service and the Telephone Service the Amount expended during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, 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 1946, for the purpose of the Services:—Also, certain Returns relating to Capital Borrowings.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table:—

List of Bills, Reports, Estimates and Parliamentary Accounts and Papers printed by order of the Pape.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Select Committee, 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 Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

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 proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House, in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, King's Speech, went up to the House of Peers, where His Majesty's most gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor in pursuance of His Majesty's Commands, as followeth:

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

During the Session which is now concluding substantial progress has been made in the work of reconstruction, but the economic difficulties resulting from the war, both at home and abroad, have presented My Ministers with serious problems and have required continuing efforts and sacrifices by My people.

To enable My Ministers to deal rapidly and effectively with these problems, a measure has been enacted extending the purposes for which emergency powers can be used, and a new organisation for economic planning has

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been established. In order to secure a redistribution of labour to assist those industries which are essential to economic recovery, My Government have reintroduced a measure of control over the engagement of labour, supported by some limited use of the power of direction of workers.

My Ministers have given unremitting attention to the serious deficit in the overseas balance of payments and to the continuing need to stimulate exports and limit imports. In order to protect our reserves of gold and foreign exchange, it has been necessary temporarily to suspend the convertibility of sterling. My Government have been fully aware that our own difficulties cannot be overcome except in conjunction with other Governments. They have, therefore, warmly welcomed the initiative of the United States in seeking to promote joint action by the Governments of the European nations to increase production and extend international trade, and they have given this initiative their strongest backing.

My Government have continued to give full support to the United Nations in the task of promoting international understanding and co-operation. They have played a leading part in establishing the Trusteeship Council and have continued to share fully in the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organisation and other specialised agencies. They have also put forward proposals for defining and safeguarding the fundamental liberties which it is the right of all peoples to enjoy.

A Treaty of Alliance has been concluded with the Government of the French Republic. My Ministers have persisted in their efforts to establish true democracy in Germany, and they have approved the establishment of popularly elected regional Governments in the British Zone and encouraged a gradual transfer of powers to the German people.

Treaties of Peace with Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland have been signed and brought into force, and My Government have consequently resumed diplomatic relations with those countries. The technical state of war between the United Kingdom and Austria has been terminated and diplomatic relations have been resumed between the two countries.

The Queen and I were deeply moved by the warmth of the welcome which We received throughout Our visit to South Africa, and will always treasure the happiest memories of Our journey. It is with very great pleasure that I have given My consent to the engagement of My beloved daughter, Princess Elizabeth, to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R.N.

Ministers from the United Kingdom have attended a Conference of Ministers and other representatives of My several Governments held in Canberra, at the invitation of My Government in the Commonwealth of Australia. This Conference resulted in a valuable exchange of views on problems likely to arise in the drawing up of a Peace Treaty with Japan.

In July I assented to the Indian Independence Act which on 15th August two new Dominions, India and Pakistan, came into being. Thus was brought to fruition the declared policy of Parliament that the peoples of British India should achieve complete autonomy within the British Commonwealth. I trust that the most cordial relations will rule between India and Pakistan and the other members of the British Commonwealth.

The relationship which had so long subsisted between the Crown and the Ruling Princes of India has inevitably also changed. I acknowledge with gratitude the loyalty and devotion of the Indian Rulers to Myself and to My Royal predecessors and I hope that in association with India or Pakistan their ties with the Commonwealth will endure.

I remember gratefully the services of all those men and women who have served the Crown in India and all those who have given their best in the service of the peoples of India; particularly I am mindful of the faithful and gallant services of the men of My Indian Forces in time of war.

I am grieved at the grave disorders now occurring in India and Pakistan. My sympathy goes out to the Governments and peoples of both Dominions in their present troubles and especially to the refugees seeking new homes. It gives Me much pleasure to record that self-government in internal affairs has been restored to Malta, that gallant island whose signal contribution to the common cause in the late war has been a source of pride to us all.

Delegates chosen by the legislatures of My possessions in the Caribbean have discussed the question of the closer association of those territories. I am confident that this conference will contribute to the progress and well-being of My peoples in this valued section of the British community of nations.

My Government have referred the question of the future status of Palestine to the United Nations, whose recommendations are now awaited as the result of the present discussions in the Assembly. Meanwhile they have made it clear that, in the absence of a settlement, they must plan for an early withdrawal of British Forces and of the British Administration from Palestine.

At the invitation of My Government in the United Kingdom, a conference of representatives of British Commonwealth Governments in the sterling area has been held in London to discuss questions of common interest arising out of the general financial situation. My Government have taken an active part in the discussions preparatory to an International Conference on Trade and Employment. I hope that these efforts will assist the expansion of international trade and will create world conditions favouring its further expansion and the maintenance of a high and stable level of employment in all countries.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

I thank you for the provision which you have made for the public services.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

I have assented to legislation setting up a Ministry of Defence charged with ensuring the formulation and general application of a unified policy relating to the Armed Forces and their requirements.
In many parts of the world My Forces continue to make their contribution to the maintenance of order and the restoration of peaceful conditions; their devotion to duty and the forbearance displayed in many difficult and trying circumstances are deserving of the highest praise.

Despite the responsibilities of My Forces overseas and the many tasks at home arising from the aftermath of war, the progress of demobilisation has brought the total number of men and women released from them since June, 1945, to about four and three-quarter millions. The resettlement in civil life of those released has been continued with success.

The National Service Acts have been amended to provide for the continuation of national service for a further period of five years from 31st December, 1948.

The exceptionally severe winter weather, followed by unprecedented floods, inflicted grievous damage on agriculture. In order to mitigate the losses sustained, My Government contributed to the Lord Mayor's National Flood Distress Fund and to the Agricultural Disaster Fund, and a measure was passed to provide special assistance to farmers cropping abnormally flooded land and rebuilding depleted flocks.

My Ministers are acutely aware of the distress caused by the housing shortage. They have continued to regard the provision of houses as a matter of the utmost urgency and have made substantial progress with their programme.

Steps have been taken to provide the additional teachers and the accommodation required as a result of the raising of the school-leaving age, and facilities for enabling promising students to obtain university and advanced education have been increased. The Universities are responding readily to the demand for an expansion of their activities and they have been aided by largely increased grants from the Exchequer.

My Ministers have devoted continuous attention to the development of industry in Scotland and Wales in order to provide increased opportunities for employment. New industrial projects have been started, substantial progress has been made in the diversification of industry, and a large programme of afforestation is proceeding. Scottish hydro-electric schemes have been advanced and an Advisory Panel for the Highlands has been set up. Special attention has been given to improving the Government machinery for the consideration of Welsh problems.

Measures have been passed for the better organisation of inland transport services under public ownership and control, for the co-ordination of the electricity supply industry under public ownership, and for continuing the centralised buying of cotton.

I have given My assent to legislation making fresh provision both in England and Wales and in Scotland for planning and controlling the development and use of land.

Bills have been passed into law to promote the stability and long-term development of agriculture in England and Wales, to extend the powers of the central agricultural wages boards, and to enable land to be dedicated permanently to forestry purposes.

I have assented to legislation providing for exchange control, for a far-reaching measure of company law reform, for the establishment of development councils with a view to increasing efficiency and output in industry, and for the collection of statistics showing the use made of the nation's resources and the changing structure of its economy.

A measure has been passed to amend the law relating to civil proceedings by and against the Crown.

My assent has also been given to legislation providing for the arrangements consequent on the termination of the National Fire Service.

Provision has been made for a National Health Service in Scotland and legislation has been passed consolidating the law relating to the constitution and general administration of local authorities in Scotland.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

By virtue of His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed; and now read, we do, in His Majesty's Name and in obedience to His Majesty's Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Tuesday, the Twenty-first day of October, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-seven, to be then here holden: and this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued until Tuesday, the Twenty-first day of October, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-seven.
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Towards making good the Supply for the year ended 31st March, 1946, the sum of £2,537 3s. 0d. be granted

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