From October the 21st, 1947,
In the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of
KING GEORGE THE SIXTH,
To October the 25th, 1948

Session 1947-48.—21st October 1947 to
13th September 1948
and
Session 1948.—14th September to 25th October 1948

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20th October 1947.

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 Twenty-first day of this instant October, to be then here holden.
Message to attend His Majesty.

New Members sworn.

Elections.

Resolved, That no Peer of the Realm, except such Peers of Ireland as shall for the time being be actually elected, and shall have declined to serve, for any county, city or borough of Great Britain, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

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

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

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Gilbert Francis Montriou Campion, K.C.B., the Clerk of this House.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by such person as shall be licensed by Mr. Speaker, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Thirty-eighth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and Excise for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, being the Ninetieth Report relating to the Customs and the Ninetieth Report relating to the Excise.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules and Regulations, dated 1st October 1947, entitled the Children (Boarding-out, etc.) (Scotland) Rules and Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules and Regulations, dated 1st October 1947, entitled the Children (Boarding-out, etc.) (Scotland) Rules and Regulations, 1947.

Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1932,—

(1) Airdrie Town Council.
(2) Dundee Town Council.
(3) Stirling County Council.

Copies of University Court Ordinances—

(1) No. 240 (No. 56 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh) (Foundation of the Chair of International Relations), and
(2) No. 241 (No. 56 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Institution of Degrees in Dental Surgery and Relative Regulations).

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 30th July 1947, making special provision in respect of the hourly rates payable to airmen engaged in part time teaching, and
(2) dated 9th September 1947, amending the regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 16th August 1946, which made provision for the payment of new rates of pay to members of His Majesty's Royal Air Force and auxiliary Services, and their wives and dependants.


Copy of a Royal Warrant, dated 30th July Air Force, 1947, to amend Regulation 30A of the Regulations made under the Regimenal Debts Act, 1893, as applied to the Royal Air Force.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Aliens, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th September 1947, entitled the Aliens Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to Agriculture, to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 1st September 1947, entitled the Agricultural Lime Scheme, 1947.

Copy of the Text of a Trusteeship Agreement relating to Pacific Islands, as approved by the Security Council of the United Nations at New York, on the 2nd day of April 1947.

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Yugoslavia concerning Yugoslav Displaced Persons, signed at Bled on the 8th day of September 1947:

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Chile regarding Air Services, signed at Santiago on the 10th day of September 1947 (with Schedule). (This Agreement has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).
Copy of Regulations, dated 13th September 1947, entitled the Holidays with Pay (Agricultural Workers—England and Wales) (Applica-

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

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

(1) Aberdare Urban District Council.
(2) Basingstoke Borough Council.
(3) Batley Town Council.
(4) Bexhill Borough Council.
(5) Bexley and Swanscombe Joint Committee.
(6) Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District Council.
(7) Buxton Borough Council.
(8) Canterbury City Council.
(9) Castleford Urban District Council.
(10) Chichester Borough Council.
(11) Chislehurst and Sidcup Urban District Council.
(12) Crayford Urban District Council.
(13) Crewe Town Council.
(14) Denton Urban District Council.
(15) Doncaster Borough Council.
(16) Eston Urban District Council.
(17) Glossop Town Council.
(18) Halesowen Borough Council.
(19) Hemel Hempstead Borough Council.
(20) Leyton Borough Council.
(21) Maidstone Town Council.
(22) Mansfield Town Council.
(23) Merton and Morden Urban District Council.
(24) New Sarum City Council.
(25) Norwich City Council.
(26) Oldbury Borough Council.
(27) Penrith Urban District Council.
(28) Radnor County Council.
(29) Rochester City Council.
(30) Sheffield City and County Borough Council.
(31) Sittingbourne and Milton Urban District Council.
(32) Stalybridge, Hyde, Mossley and Dukinfield Transport and Electricity Board.
(33) Sutton and Cheam Borough Council.
(34) Tonbridge Urban District Council.
(35) Warwickshire County Council.
(37) Wolverhampton Borough Council.
(38) Worcester City Council.
(39) Worsley Borough Council.
(40) Wrexham Rural District Council.


Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Education directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme, dated 2nd October 1947, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Institutions for Defectives) Scheme, 1947.

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

Copies of Regulations,—

(1) dated 9th October 1947, entitled the Training of Teachers Grant Regulations, 1947, and

(2) dated 10th October 1947, entitled the Local Education Authorities Grant Amending Regulations No. 1, 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 October 1947, entitled the Pottery (Health) Special Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of Regulations, entitled the Grosvenor Square Garden Regulations.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the British Transport Commission. directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of the salaries or fees and of the allowances payable to members of the British Transport Commission.

Copies of Regulations,—

(1) dated 13th July 1947, entitled the London Traffic (Station Parade, Gerrards Cross) (Amendment) Regulations, 1947,

(2) dated 24th July 1947, entitled the London Traffic (Stone Street and Windmill Street, Gravesend) (Amendment) Regulations, 1947,

(3) dated 28th July 1947, entitled the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations, 1947,

(4) dated 28th July 1947, entitled the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1947,

(5) dated 7th August 1947, entitled the London Traffic (Slow Moving Traffic) Regulations, 1947,

(6) dated 3rd October 1947, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 6) Regulations, 1947, and


Copies of Regulations,—

(1) dated 23rd July 1947, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1947, and

(2) dated 13th October 1947, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit) Regulations, 1947.

Copies of Regulations,—

(1) dated 11th August 1947, entitled the Road Vehicles Lighting Exemption (Revo-
cation) Regulations, 1947, and

(2) dated 10th September 1947, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations, 1947.
Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had, this day, attended His Majesty in the House of Peers, when His Majesty was pleased to make a most gracious Speech from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament; one of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy which he read to the House, as follows:

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

In the Session which opens to-day the nation is faced with grave economic difficulties affecting almost the entire world. Upon their successful solution depends the well-being of My people. My Government are determined to use every means in their power to overcome these difficulties.

I am confident that in these times of hardship My people will demonstrate once again to the world their qualities of resolution and endurance. With sustained effort this nation will continue to play its full part in leading the world back to prosperity and freedom.

The first aim of My Ministers will be to redress the adverse balance of payments, particularly by expanding exports. This will demand increased production and the sale abroad of a larger share of output. The task to be performed by each industry has been set out and, in conjunction with all those engaged in industry, My Government will do their best to provide the means to carry out these tasks.

My Ministers will give all possible help to those who work on the land in order to increase still more the home production of food. Legislation will be introduced to provide for the improvement and development of Scottish agriculture so that Scotland may play its full part in the campaign for higher production.

With a view to increasing exports and saving imports which can be replaced by home products, steps will be taken to ensure that man-power is used to the best national advantage, and, in particular, to expand the numbers employed in the coal-mining, agricultural and textile industries. The working of the repossessed labour controls will be watched closely and My Government will take measures to bring into essential work those who are making no contribution to the national well-being. They will also encourage in every way the textile industries.

They will do all in their power to find new sources of supply and they will seek to enter into further long-term

Mr. Speaker reported His Majesty's Speech.
agreements with overseas countries. A measure will be laid before you designed to promote the expansion of production of all kinds within the Empire.

My Government will continue to participate in the work of European reconstruction put in hand in the recent conference in Paris and will do their utmost to forward the projects formulated at that meeting for the benefit of Europe and of the world as a whole.

The present obstacles to co-operation and understanding between the peoples of the world have strengthened the determination of My Government to support the United Nations and to seek by that means to promote the mutual trust and tolerance on which peaceful progress depends.

It is my earnest hope that the forthcoming conference of Foreign Ministers will result in a measure of agreement leading towards a democratic and self-supporting Germany which will not threaten world security, and to the satisfactory settlement of the international status of Austria.

I trust that a Treaty of Peace with Japan, which will contribute to the welfare of all countries in the Far East, may be concluded at an early date.

A measure will be laid before you to enable the future government of Burma to be in accordance with the free decision of the elected representatives of its people.

I hope that the discussions now in progress will enable legislation to be laid before you to confer on Ceylon fully responsible status within the British Commonwealth.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

Estimates for the public services will be laid before you in due course, and you will be asked to approve supplementary financial measures at an early stage of the Session.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

My Ministers will accelerate the release of men and women from the Armed Forces to the maximum extent consistent with the adequate fulfilment of the tasks falling to the Forces.

They will press on with the reorganisation of the Forces on their peace-time basis and with the task of obtaining the necessary voluntary recruits to build up the Regular Forces and the Auxiliary Services.

Legislation will be introduced to amend the Parliament Act, 1911.

A Bill will be laid before you to reform the administration of criminal justice in England and Wales.

You will be asked to approve legislation to abolish the poor law and to provide a comprehensive system of assistance for all in need. This will complete the all-embracing scheme of social security, the main lines of which have been laid down in measures already enacted.

A Bill will be laid before you to bring the gas industry under public ownership in completion of the plan for the co-ordination of the fuel and power industries.

A measure will be laid before you to extend the scope of public care of children deprived of a normal home life and to secure improved standards of care for such children.

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Legislation will be introduced to provide a new and more equitable basis for the distribution of general Exchequer grants to local authorities. Provision will also be made for centralising the machinery of valuation for rating purposes and amending the law as to the valuation of small dwelling-houses in England and Wales.

You will be asked to approve a measure to reform the franchise and electoral procedure and to give appropriate effect to recommendations of the Commissions appointed to consider the distribution of Parliamentary seats.

A Bill will be laid before you to enable a common national status to be maintained throughout the Commonwealth and to amend the existing law governing the national status of married women.

You will be asked to approve a measure for the establishment of river boards to take over from existing authorities certain responsibilities for land drainage, fisheries, and the prevention of pollution.

You will also be invited to pass a Bill to amend the present scheme for securing the exhibition of a fair proportion of British films.

A measure will be laid before you to reform the law relating to actions for personal injuries.

It is hoped that various measures consolidating important branches of the law will be introduced during the Session; and 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. Blyton)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Mr. Simmons.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

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 the following table there were substituted a reference to the time respectively mentioned in the second column of that table:

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Sittings of the House.
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.

(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

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

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

[No. 2.]

Wednesday, 22nd October, 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, an Interim Report as to the Expulsion, Registration, and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of July 1947 to the 30th day of September 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of a Protocol signed at London on the 29th day of August 1947, prolonging the International Agreement, signed at London on the 6th day of May 1937, regarding the regulation of production and marketing of sugar.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Regulations, dated 20th October 1947, entitled the National Health Service (Regional Hospital Boards and Boards of Management) (Scotland) Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of a Scheme made by Trinity College, Oxford, for administering certain funds of the College.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Copy of an Order, dated 15th October 1947, entitled the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local directions of several Acts 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) Epsom and Ewell Borough Council.

(2) South-East Lancashire. (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee.


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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of an Interim Report on the Causes of and Circumstances attending the Explosion which occurred at Whitehaven "William" Colliery, Cumberland, on the 15th day of August, 1947, by A. M. Bryan, Esquire, J.P., B.Sc., His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines.

Mr. Gaitskell also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, by A. M. Bryan, Esquire, J.P., B.Sc., His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of Orders, dated 18th October 1947, entitled—

(1) the Milk (Priority Supplies) Order, 1947; and

(2) the Potatoes (1947 Crop) (No. 2) Order (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Seely also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of Orders, dated 18th October 1947, entitled—

(1) the Potatoes (1947 Crop) (No. 2) Order (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1947.

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

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty to congratulate His Majesty, Her Majesty the Queen and Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth on the approaching Marriage of Her Royal Highness to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten; to express to His Majesty the satisfaction felt by this House at an event which is of such deep interest to His Majesty and to the Nation and promises to secure the happiness of Her Royal Highness; and to assure His Majesty that this House will ever participate with the most affectionate and dutiful attachment in whatever may concern the interests of His Majesty.—(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.

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 of the days on which the House is not sitting (excluding any Saturday or Sunday) may be accepted by them as if the House were 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.”

(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 on which the House is not sitting (excluding any Saturday or Sunday) 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) 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.”

(6) The following paragraphs shall have effect in substitution for paragraphs (8) and (9) of Standing Order No. 1:—

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

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

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

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

Provided that business exempted for a specified period shall not be entered upon, or be resumed, after the expiration of that period, and the relevant provisions of paragraph (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 after 10 p.m., 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 by leaving out paragraph (3).—(Captain Crookshank.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the *Mr. Joseph Henderson* 263.
Tellers for the *Mr. Hannan* 262.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That—

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

(3) The following provisions shall have effect in substitution for paragraphs (2) and (3) of Standing Order No. 1:

(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 of the days on which the House is not sitting (excluding any Saturday or Sunday) may be accepted by them as if the House were 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;

(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 business exempted for a specified period 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 interrupted 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 paragraph (3) and (4) of this Standing Order shall then apply.

(5) 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."

(6) The following paragraphs shall have effect in substitution for paragraphs (8) and (9) of Standing Order No. 1:

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

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

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

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

Provided that business exempted for a specified period shall not be entered upon, or be resumed after the expiration of that period, and, if not concluded earlier, shall be interrupted at the end of that period, and the relevant provisions of paragraph (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 after 10 p.m., 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."

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Mr. Snow.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 this day, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[ No. 3. ]

Thursday, 23rd October, 1947.  
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House was moved, That the Standing Orders of the 6th day of August 1947, relating to the London County Council (Improvements) Bill (Suspended Bill).

London County Council (Improvements) Bill.

Private Bills (London County Council (Improvements) Bill (Suspended Bill).

General Lighthouse Fund.

No. 1.

Burma.

Shops Regulation.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 17th October 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Infants' and Girls' Wear) (Amendment) (No. 5) Directions, 1947. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th October 1947, entitled— (1) the Acquisition of Privately owned Railway Wagons (Payment of Compensation) Regulations, 1947, and (2) the Acquisition of Privately owned Railway Wagons (Apportionment of Compensation) Regulations, 1947.


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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a General Direction, dated 21st October 1947, entitled the Coal Distribution Order, 1947, General Direction (Restriction of Supplies) No. 15.

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

The Prime Minister, supported by Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Secretary Henderson and Mr. Ross-Williams, presented a Bill to provide for the independence of Burma as a country not within His Majesty's dominions and not entitled to His Majesty's protection, and for consequent and connected matters: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Younger, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the Defence Regulations continued in force by the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Act, 1946, and with respect to certain emergency and temporary enactments extended by or contained in that Act; to repeal certain other emergency enactments; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented a Bill to continue certain expiring laws: 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. Younger, presented a Bill to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund to the States of Jersey and Guernsey of amounts equal to sums received in respect of Crown revenues accruing in those Islands: 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. Younger, presented a Bill to continue Existing Laws, such as the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, which is to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Younger, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the Defence Regulations continued in force by the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Act, 1946, and with respect to certain emergency and temporary enactments extended by or contained in that Act; to repeal certain other emergency enactments; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mrs. Woodburn presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Apparel and Textiles) Bill.
Mr. Strachey, supported by Mr. Secretary Bevin, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Secretary Jones and Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Colonial Development Corporation charged with duties for securing development in colonial territories, and for the establishment of an Overseas Food Corporation charged with duties for securing the production or processing of foodstuffs or other products in places outside the United Kingdom, and the marketing thereof, and for matters connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant October, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider every Statutory Rule or Order (including any Provisional Rule made under Section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893) laid or laid in draft before the House, being a Rule, Order or Draft upon which proceedings may be 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, Mr. Hector Hughes, Mr. Lyne, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Murray, Mr. Oliver Poole, Mr. Renton, 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 any 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.—(Mr. Hannan.)

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

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

Friday, 24th October, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAyERS.


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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum the directions of several Acts of Parliament, (Criminal Lunatic Asylum). Copy of a Report of a Visit of Inspection to Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum in 1947, by Commissioners of the Board of Control.
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 be transacted on the day on which the House shall so meet, 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. Whiteley.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant October, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:—

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

And the Question being again proposed — The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned. Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn, (Mr. 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 22nd day of this instant October as applied by the Order made upon the 21st day of this instant October, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 5.]

Monday, 27th October, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communi- cation to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Campbell Stephen, Esquire, Member for the Burgh of Glasgow (Carnlachie Division), and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the Honourable Member.
The Committee of Selection was nominated of Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. Byers, Mr. Daggar, Mr. Dobbie, Sir Stanley Holmes, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. McKinlay, Mr. Mathers, Mr. Messer, Colonel Ponsomby, and Sir Robert Young. (Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Mr. Secretary Eden 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 Birkenhead, the Urban District of Chislehurst and Sidcup, the Urban District of Market Drayton, the City of Nottingham, the Borough of Sandwich, and the Urban District of Whitley Bay.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of an Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and France on the one hand, and the Government of Sweden on the other hand, regarding the Liquidation of German Assets in Sweden, signed at Washington on the 18th day of July 1946.

Copy of a Protocol between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the United States of America and France in connection with the return to Italy of the Gold captured at Fortezza by the Allied Forces, signed at London on the 10th day of October 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 30th September, 1947.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Local Taxation Returns (Scotland) for the years 1939-40 to 1941-42.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, on the 16th day of May 1947, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st October 1947, entitled the Imported Wireless Receiving Sets (Labelling) (Revocation) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Gattisell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th October 1947, entitled the Electricity (Stockholders’ Representatives) (No. 2) Regulations, 1947.

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

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

Copy of Rules, dated 2nd July 1947, entitled the Non-Contentious Probate Rules, 1947.

Copy of the Third Report of the Tithe Redemption Commission.

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 number of offences relating to Motor Vehicles in England and Wales, the number of persons prosecuted for such offences, the results of the proceedings in Courts of Summary Jurisdiction, and the number of alleged offences in respect of which written warnings were issued by the police, together with the number of persons concerned, during the year ended the 31st day of December, 1946. (Mr. Younger.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Motion for an Address in reply to the King’s Speech be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for One hour after Ten of the clock. (Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant October, 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 after Eleven of the clock, the Question being again proposed:—

“... But humbly regret the absence from the House of Mr. J. P. L. Thomas.

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Studholm;—
Mr. Popplewell;—
Mr. Richard Adams:—

Noes, 254.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:—

And a Debate arising thereupon;—

And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill:

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

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

(In the Committee.)

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

(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, the Population (Statistics) Act, 1938, the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, and the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, being expenses which under any of the five 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 expenses which under that Act are to be paid into the Exchequer.

(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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 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 Commander Agnew, Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mrs. Ayton Gould, Mr. Bartlett, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. Collins, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Haydn Davies, Mr. Gay, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. McIntee, Mr. Mainwaring, Captain Marsden, Sir Henry Morris-Jones, Mrs. Nichol and Mrs. Ridealgh.

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. Simmons.)

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

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Tuesday, 28th October, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Order made yesterday, that the Paper relative to Housing (Scotland) do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Import Duties directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th October 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 11) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Shinwell 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 Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th October 1947, entitled the Blackcurrant Mite (Scotland) Order, 1947.

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

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

(1) Macclesfield Borough Council.

(2) South Shields Town Council.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Thirty-eighth Annual Report, with Accounts, of the Port of London Authority for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the (Special Orders), a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be
made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Spenborough Urban District Council.

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

Order, That the Proceedings on the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant October, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

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

"But humbly regret that the Gracious Speech, while clearly revealing the intention of Your Majesty’s Government to continue their partisan policies, gives no assurance of the national leadership, the administrative competence, or the measures necessary to meet the economic crisis and so give relief to Your people from their ever increasing hardships."

—(Mr. Churchill.)

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

Order, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Order, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

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

Order, 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.

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments.

Order, That 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 Borough of Dunstable, a copy of which Order was presented on the 24th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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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 Burnham-on-Sea, a copy of which Order was presented on the 24th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Sunday
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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 Ramsey, a copy of which Order was presented on the 24th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Sunday
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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 Bungay, a copy of which Order was presented on the 24th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Electricity.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Electricity (Stockholders' Representatives) Regulations, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947 No. 2076), dated 24th September 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of this instant October, be annulled.—(Colonel Clarke) :—It passed in the Negative.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned 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 County Borough of Dudley, a copy of which Order was presented on the 24th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Wednesday, 29th October, 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. Secretary Ede presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 27th day of this instant October, for a Return relative to Offences relating to Motor Vehicles.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Initial Report of the Boundary Commission for England, constituted in accordance with the Act, 1944.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Scotland), Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 242 (No. 57 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Foundation of the Chair of Applied Physiology).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Persons in receipt of Poor Relief in England and Wales on the night of the 1st day of January 1947 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 93 of Session 1938-39).—(Mr. Bevan).

Ordered, That no Notices of Amendments on going into Committee of Supply be given until the first Thursday in February.—(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 proposed upon the 21st day of this instant October, 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 regret that the Gracious Speech, while clearly revealing the intention of Your Majesty's Government to continue their partisan policies, gives no assurance
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Mr. Bevan also presented, Return to a Persons in Order, dated the 29th day of this instant October, for a Return relative to Persons in England receipt of Poor Relief in and Wales, and Wales.

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

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the Town and directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Country Planning.

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 Additional Import Duties (No. 2) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1690), a copy of which was presented on the 13th day of August last, the Additional Import Duties (No. 3) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1727), a copy of which was presented on the 13th day of August last, the Fish Sales (Charges) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2024), the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1820), the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1820), the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 1) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1856), and the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 2) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2182), copies of which were presented on the 20th day of this instant October, and the Additional Import Duties (No. 4) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2291), a copy of which has been presented this day, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. James Griffiths, and Mr. John Edwars, presented a Bill to terminate the existing poor law and to provide in lieu thereof for the assistance of persons in need by the National Assistance Board and by local authorities; to make further provision for the welfare of disabled, sick, aged and other persons and for regulating homes for disabled persons; to amend the law relating to non-contributory old age pensions; to make provision as to the burial or cremation of deceased persons; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business and on the Motion relating to the House Privileges (Powers of Committees) be suspended, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison).

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the Privileges, 23rd day of July 1947 in the last Session of Parliament, was made from the Committee of
Privileges (on the Matter of the Complaint made on the 16th day of April 1947) be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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

Ordered, That Mr. Arthur Heighway do attend this House forthwith.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Serjeant at Arms informed the House that Mr. Arthur Heighway was in attendance and Mr. Speaker directed him to be brought to the Bar.

The Serjeant at Arms accordingly brought him to the Bar and Mr. Speaker explained to him the nature of the charge which had been made against him, as followeth:

Mr. Arthur Heighway, you have been summoned to appear at the Bar of this House in consequence of a report made by a Committee of this House. That Committee was directed to inquire into the matter of an article written by Mr. Garry Allighan, a Member of this House, and published on the 3rd day of April 1947, in the ‘World’s Press News’ newspaper, of which you are the editor and publisher.

You did not seek (so the Committee have found) to establish the truth of the article, nor did you appear willing to admit its obvious implications, but after prolonged examination you made what the Committee were only able to regard as an entirely inadequate apology.

Mr. Speaker then informed him that the House was willing to hear anything that he might wish to say in answer to the findings of the Committee, and Mr. Heighway was heard, as followeth:

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the responsibility for the publication of that article, with its references to Members of the House, for which I desire sincerely to apologise, is entirely mine. I would like to say, however, that the article came from a Member of Parliament who is a professional journalist and publicist, and, because of these two factors, I wrongly allowed my guard to be lowered in respect of factors which I should have considered. For that I make no excuse. The fault was entirely mine. I accepted the article in good faith as a matter of interest to the specialised and restricted readership of my paper, and without any thought that it would be an affront to the Members of this House.

After I received the manuscript from Mr. Allighan, he did have second thoughts, and asked that he should make some adjustments and even suggested withdrawing it. At that point, I telegraphed him that the topicality of the article would be lost if deferred, and asked him if he would expedite the alterations which he had in mind. On that, he did send forward the alterations, and wrote me to go ahead with the article. I feel that it was that representation on my part, at a time when he was hesitating as to publication, which might have influenced him against his better judgment to authorise publication.

As to the contents of the section of the article, I should like to say that I did not appreciate then that they could be interpreted as an affront to the dignity of this House. It was not my intention at any time so to do. I now appreciate that, and, for that lack of understanding and serious error of judgment on my part, I do desire to tender my regret and my sincere and humble apologies to Mr. Speaker and to the Members of this House.

Mr. Speaker thereupon directed him to withdraw: And he withdrew accordingly.

Mr. Allighan was heard in his place, as Member heard followeth:

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the first place, I desire to express to the House, through you, my grateful appreciation of their consideration in agreeing to the Lord President’s proposal before the Recess to postpone this Debate until I was able to be present and make this statement. It is now some seven months since the offending article, which was the subject referred to the Committee, was written, and most Members will have arrived at the just assumption that I did not sit down and deliberately and calculatedly decide to insult this House and malign its Members. That was not my intention, and, at the very earliest moment in time that I can, I want to express my deep regret for having written the offending and offensive article, and to apologise, humbly and sincerely, for writing in such a way as to be an affront to the House.

I have no excuse for what I did. Looking back on it, I am at a complete loss to understand why I ever wrote such an article. It could not possibly do me any good, and, as the evidence shows, there was to be no payment for it and I could derive no advantage whatever from writing it. I cannot explain my action except that it was written during a period of intense mental strain, when I was undergoing treatment for a serious nervous disorder. I do not seek to shelter behind the controversial issue as to whether or not party and caucus meetings are protected by Parliamentary Privilege, but I do assure the House that it never entered my mind when I wrote the article, that I was committing a breach of Privilege. Had I given that aspect any thought at all, I should have concluded that, in writing about these subjects, I was not committing a breach of Privilege.

In withdrawing publicly all the unfounded imputations against the integrity of Members, I particularly regret and apologise for the allegation of impropriety which I made against unnamed Members. That was an offensive imputation which the evidence shows to have been unfounded, and I deeply regret being the author of that particular allegation, and humbly ask the House to accept my sincere apology. I do ask the House to believe me when I say that, of all the aspects of this regrettable and deeply regretted business, I most particularly regret that I have acted in such a way as to cast suspicion on innocent people. Although that was not the motive, I can now see how the article could not fail to have that result. That realisation has given me more distress than I can say, and I want, quite frankly, to admit the enormity of that offence and apologise sincerely for it.

While not trying, as the House can realise, to excuse or justify myself, I may be permitted to refer to the instance, cited in the Report,
of my misleading the Committee. That is in Questions 272 and 275. At that juncture, I did not want to give any hint that my identity would be revealed later, and I honestly made the mistake, in my own mind, of thinking that that question referred to other Members. I made that clear, in later cross-examination, when I said that I did not know what any of my colleagues who had disclosed information for payment. I made the mistake there in not thinking that the question referred to myself. To the best of my recollection, I did not deliberately set out to mislead the Committee, but, reading my evidence in cold print, I can fully understand Members agreeing that, at times, it was, as the Report described it, “Of an evasive and contradictory nature.” I can only ask them to try to imagine the circumstances in which I gave that evidence.

It was a terrifying ordeal, the memory of which will always be with me. My state of mind was worsened by the knowledge that I not only had to face the crossfire of four eminent King’s Counsel. I felt helpless and alone. Half an hour of the Attorney-General’s forensic skill was more than enough completely to demoralise me. I faced that ordeal at a time when I was in the middle of medical treatment for a seriously disordered nervous condition. They were some of the circumstances which formed the atmosphere and created my state of mind. I hope the House will be sympathetically understanding enough to appreciate that I allowed those circumstances to demoralise me, and bring me to a condition in which I gave answers which, had I been more collected and able to think more clearly, I would not have given.

That is the explanation of the evasive and contradictory nature of my replies, and I can only rely on the broad humanity of this House to deal charitably with this aspect of a matter for which months of mental torture and self-accusation have already been a terrible punishment.

On the third aspect of the case, I have a clear conscience. I do not feel that I in reporting, and the editor in paying, were jointly or separately involved in an act of bribery. I do not shelter behind the ruling of the learned Clerk of this House, in Question 1869, that, even if a transaction of payment did take place in those circumstances, it would not be an offence. That is the explanation of the evasive and contradictory nature of my replies, and I can only rely on the broad humanity of this House to deal charitably with this aspect of a matter for which months of mental torture and self-accusation have already been a terrible punishment.

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For more than 20 years, I have been a professional journalist, working on both sides of the Atlantic, and, at different periods during the past eight years, I worked as a salaried reporter, war correspondent, news editor, picture-news editor, industrial correspondent and political news-reporter on five different papers. Immediately previous to rejoining the “Evening Standard,” for which I had worked for the seven years before the war, I was the special political reporter of the "Daily Mail," my particular job being to report Labour and trade union news. I worked as such, to the general knowledge of most Members, for more than a year before the last General Election and for more than a year after my election to this House, my news stories including news of party meetings and party matters.

It is only fair, both to the newspapers for which I have worked since the Election and to myself, that I should emphasise that there was never any suggestion or thought of those newspapers offering me a bribe, or of my accepting one. I have been a salaried newspaperman for years, and it never occurred to me to regard fees and salaries paid to working journalists in the light of bribes; nor, I am sure, did either the editor of the "Evening Standard," or, before him, the editor of the "Daily Mail," intend it to be a bribe. Journalism is my livelihood, as most other Members of this House practise their professions as their livelihood. I was as a professional journalist that I worked, and, in that capacity, received my salary. I would also like to emphasise that when the editor of the "Daily Mail," and, later, the editor of the "Evening Standard," appointed me special political reporter, it was never even remotely suggested that I was being engaged and paid either solely, mainly or even at all, in order that I should report the secrets of party or caucus meetings. Neither that nor any other political activity was ever specified. I was engaged to report items of news about politics and politicians in general, and was given an entirely free hand on the job. Most of my reports were, in point of fact, of political matters not connected with the party—others were not even connected with politics—and I should have received my salary just the same had I not reported the Parliamentary Labour Party meetings at all—and, different from the case of the "Evening News," I did receive my salary during every Recess when I could not, and did not, report either party or other political news.

I think that the instinctive fairness of the House would permit me to emphasise for the record that I was thoroughly exonerated by the Committee that, in such reporting, I ever divulged State or Parliamentary secrets, although that allegation has gained currency. In my journalistic zeal—I now see, misdirected zeal—I considered it my duty to report all news that could be reported in the public interest, including news of private party and caucus meetings held in Committee rooms upstairs. While never, for one moment, suspecting that such work was a breach of Privilege, I do not pretend that I was unaware that it was both a breach of confidence, in which I departed from the high standards of Parliamentary conduct, and also of party discipline, which, I fully realised, would, at some time or another, be dealt with by the party as a domestic matter. I plead guilty to those breaches, but that, I understand, from the evidence of the learned Clerk is not necessarily a breach of Parliamentary law.

While I humbly submit myself to the decision of the House, I do ask Members to absolve me from the charge of bribery, and to accept my expression of regret for having
departed from the high standards of parliamentary conduct in reporting information which I was expected to treat as secret. I cannot undo what is done, nor can my apology sufficiently atone for my error of judgment in writing the offending article, but I can, as an earnest of my sincerity, ensure that I never repeat the offence. My offence has derived from the impossible situation I created for myself by attempting to reconcile the two functions of my calling as journalist and Labour M.P., and putting my duty to my profession first. I decided, during the past six months of bitter reflection, to end that impossible situation, and have now taken the necessary steps to implement that decision.

Mr. Speaker, I have humbly acknowledged my mistake, and nothing could be more sincere and heartfelt than my remorse for my action. Having done all that it is humanly possible to do to put this deeply regretted affair straight, I am content to submit myself to this House, confident that it will act in its traditional spirit of justice and generosity.

Mr. Speaker thereupon directed him to withdraw: And he withdrew accordingly.

Resolved, That the article written by Mr. Allighan, and published in the "World's Press News" of 3rd April 1947, in its general tone, and particularly by its unfounded imputations against unnamed Members of insobriety in the precincts of this House, is an affront to this House, and that both Mr. Allighan, as the writer of the article, and Arthur Heighway, the editor and publisher of the "World's Press News", are guilty of a gross contempt of this House.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Resolved, That Mr. Allighan, in persistently misleading the Committee of Privileges in his evidence, and in seeking to cast suspicion on others in respect of the very matter of which he knew himself to be guilty, has committed a grave contempt of this House in disregard of the Resolution of this House of the 12th day of November 1946, 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.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Allighan, a Member of this House, in corruptly accepting payment for the disclosure of information about matters to be proceeded with in Parliament obtained from other Members under the obligation of secrecy, is guilty of dishonourable conduct which deserves to be severely punished as tending to destroy mutual confidence among Members and to lower this House in the estimation of the people.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Daines rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent and declined to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

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Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Kinley, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. James Paget, Mr. Byers: 75.

Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Pickthorn, Mr. Dames, Mr. Hopkin Morris, Mr. James Pickthorpe, Mr. Pickthorn: 187.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That Mr. Allighan, for his gross contempts of this House and for his misconduct, be expelled from this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Arthur Heighway be reprimanded by Mr. Speaker.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Mr. Speaker directed Mr. Arthur Heighway to be brought to the Bar: And he was brought to the Bar accordingly, where he received a reprimand from Mr. Speaker, as followeth:

Arthur Heighway, the House has adjudged you guilty of publishing in the "World's Press News," of which you are the editor, words which contain unfounded imputations against the conduct of Members of this House. These words were untrue, they were a gross affront to honourable Members and they were a contempt of this House. As editor, you had a high responsibility. You were not unaware of the traditions of Parliament, yet you published words calculated to tarnish them. In the name of the House, I accordingly reprimand you for a gross offence against it.

Mr. Speaker then directed him to withdraw: And Mr. Heighway withdrew accordingly.

Ordered, That the Reprimand delivered by Mr. Speaker be entered upon the Journals of this House.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the Privileges, 4th day of August 1947 in the last Session of Parliament, was made from the Committee of Privileges (on the matter of the Personal Statement made by Mr. Walblen on that day) be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)
Mr. Speaker.

When you permitted me to address the House on 4th August I made a clear and I believe, a frank statement which has now, unfortunately, led to my name appearing on the Order Paper today. Quite naturally, I regret the whole episode, particularly the circumstances which might seem to involve the esteem and the reputation of the House. Whatever may be my rights, or my privilege, I do not wish to engage in the debate on the severity of the terms of the Motion concerning myself, which the House is now asked to consider. It would, in my opinion, be wrong for me to do so. Mr. Speaker, I wish to tender very humbly and most sincerely to the House and to all my friends and my colleagues, my humble apologies. I, therefore, leave the issue of justice and righteousness to be determined by the wisdom and counsel of honourable and right honourable Members in what I still believe will be the true traditional spirit of toleration.

Mr. Speaker thereupon directed him to withdraw: And he withdrew accordingly.

A Motion was made, and the question being proposed, that Mr. Walkden, a Member of this House, in corruptly accepting payment for the disclosure of information about matters to be proceeded with in Parliament obtained from other Members under the obligation of secrecy, is guilty of dishonourable conduct, which deserves to be severely punished as tending to destroy mutual confidence among Members and to lower this House in the estimation of the people.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison).—And a debate arising thereupon;

Earl Winterton moved, that the debate be now adjourned, but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the question thereupon to the House. And the question being put, the House divided: The Yeas to the Right: The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Bing, Mr. Daines: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hopkin Morris, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite: 92.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that Mr. Walkden, for his misconduct, do attend in his place forthwith and be reprimanded by Mr. Speaker.—(Mr. Secretary Eden).

Mr. Speaker then called upon Mr. Walkden by name, and Mr. Walkden standing up in his place uncovered, Mr. Speaker, sitting in the Chair covered, delivered the following reprimand:

Mr. Evelyn Walkden, the House has adjudged you guilty of corruptly accepting payment for information which you obtained from your fellow Members under the obligation of secrecy. If other Members acted as you did, it would be impossible to maintain that mutual confidence, without which the system under which we work would break down. Your conduct, which has been publicly exposed, lowers not only yourself, but the House, in public esteem. In the name of the House, I accordingly reprimand you for your offence against its honour.

Ordered, that the reprimand delivered by Mr. Speaker be entered upon the Journals of this House.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison).

A Motion was made, and the question being proposed, that if in any case hereafter a Member shall have been found guilty by this House of corruptly accepting payment for the disclosure and publication of confidential information about matters to be proceeded with in Parliament, any person responsible for offering such payment shall incur the grave displeasure of this House; and if such person shall be the representative of a newspaper or of a press agency, that person and any other representative of the same newspaper or agency shall, if the House think fit, be excluded from the precincts of this House, until this House shall otherwise determine.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison).—And a debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, that the debate be now adjourned. — (Mr. Herbert Morrison).

Ordered, that the debate be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, that the Committee of Privileges consist of ten Members:—the Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Attorney General, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Edward Davies, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. James Reid, Mr. Thomas Reid 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).

Resolved, that when a matter of complaint of breach of privilege is referred to a Committee, such Committee has, and always has had, power to inquire not only into the matter of the particular complaint, but also into facts surrounding and reasonably connected with the matter of the particular complaint, and into the principles of the law and custom of privilege that are concerned.—(Mr. Pickthorn).

The Committee of Public Accounts was public nominated of Mr. Benson, Major Bruce, Mr. Accounts, Calhert, Colonel Dover, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Kirby, Mr. McAdam, Sir John Mellor, Mr. Peake, Sir Frank Sandersen, Mr. Thurtle, and Mr. Wadsworth.—(Mr. Robert Taylor).

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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

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

The Jersey and Guernsey (Financial Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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 Jersey and Guernsey (Financial Provisions) [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to payments to the States of Jersey and Guernsey, it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums equal to any sums paid into the Exchequer on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, on account of hereditary revenues of the Crown which have accrued in the island of Jersey or the island of Guernsey (including the island of Jethou) for payment to the States of Jersey or the States of Guernsey, as the case may be.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. Daines reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the Fish Sales (Charges) Supplies and Services Order, 1947, dated 19th September 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2024), 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 20th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 1) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1865), dated 28th August 1947, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, to leave out ll. 33 to 37.—(Sir John Mellor.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1819), dated 21st August 1947, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1820), dated 21st August 1947, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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

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

[No. 10.]


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 His Majesty, having been attended with their Address of the 29th day of October last, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

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

Ordered, That the Report relative to the Tithe Redemption Commission, which was presented to this House on the 27th day of October last, 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 Government of Uruguay for Air Services between and beyond their respective Territories (with Schedules and Protocol of Signature), signed at Montevideo on the 26th day of September 1947. (This agreement has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant National Health Service (Traveling Allowances, etc.) (Scotland) Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Apparel and Textiles) Directions, dated 29th October 1947, entitled the Encouragement of Exports (Leather, Footwear and Allied Products) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant Agriculture, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of a Scheme, dated 25th October 1947, entitled the Acreage Payments (Flood Emergency) Scheme, 1947.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 0) Order, 1947.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Supplies and Services (Control of Engagement) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2021), dated 18th September 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of October last, be annulled—(Mr. Rhys Davies) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Summaries 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 Cirencester,
(2) the Rural District of East Elloe,
(3) the Urban District of Hay,
(4) the Urban District of Hinckley,
(5) the Borough of Oswestry, and
(6) the Urban District of Wilmslow.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Footwear and Allied Products) (Scotland) Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Control of Engagement) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2021), dated 18th September 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of October last, be annulled—(Mr. Rhys Davies) —And a Debate arising thereupon;
Question put pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the 'Mr. Snow',

Yeas, \{ Mr. George Wallace \} 357;

Tellers for the 'Mr. Studholme',

Noes, \{ Major Conant \} 137.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Control of Engagement Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2021), dated 18th September 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of October last, be annulled:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Rhys Davies',

Yeas, \{ Mr. Grenfell \} 144.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Snow',

Noes, \{ Mr. George Wallace \} 252.

So it passed in the Negative.

Import Duties (Additional).

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties (No. 2) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1690), dated 6th August 1947, made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which Order was presented on the 8th day of August last, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Import Duties (Additional).

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties (No. 3) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 1694), dated 7th August 1947, made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which Order was presented on the 13th day of August last, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Import Duties (Additional).

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties (No. 4) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2291), dated 28th October 1947, made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which Order was presented on the 30th day of October last, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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—(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 Quesion first put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 22nd day of October last, it being then two minutes before Twelve of the clock, till tommorrow.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Kent (Gravesend Division) in the room of Garry Allighan, Esquire, expelled this House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Import Duties (Additional) of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th October 1947, entitled the Tobacco Duty (Relief for Pensioners) (United Kingdom and Isle of Man) Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Sunday Entertainments 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 Ashfield.
(2) the Borough of Falmouth.
(3) the Borough of Harwich.
(4) the City and County of Lichfield.
(5) the Borough of Shrewsbury, and
(6) the Urban District of Sutton-in-Ashfield.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to Air Force to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 15th October 1947,—

(1) amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order dated 11th December 1944 and included in a Volume entitled The King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force (1928 (2nd Edition), and

(2) making provision for the payment of terminal benefits to service personnel whose services are terminated otherwise than in accordance with the Release Regulations.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the Wages Councils of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 29th October 1947, entitled—

(1) the Wages Council (Retail Bookselling and Stationery Trades, Great Britain) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Wages Council (Retail Newsagency, Tobacco and Confectionery Trades, Scotland) Order, 1947.

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

Supplies and Services (Food).

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 31st October 1947, entitled—

(1) the Carrots (1947 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1947,
(2) the Tomatoes Order, 1947 (Revocation) Order, 1947, and
(3) the Manufactured and Prepacked Foods (Control) Order, 1942 (General Licence) (Amendment No. 3) 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:—

Consolidation Bills.

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

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

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Wilkins;
Mr. Simmons,
Mr. Studholme.

Tellers for the Noes,
Major Conant;
Major Conant.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House approves the proposals contained in the statement made by the Lord Privy Seal on the 17th day of March 1947 arising out of the recommendations of the Select Committee on Procedure.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put pursuant to Standing Orders, the Amendment to Standing Orders, and new Standing Orders, relating to Public Business, hereinafter stated in the Schedule, be made; and that Standing Orders No. 14 (Business of Supply) and No. 16 (When Chair to be left without Question put) be repealed.

Schedule.

Standing Order No. 8, at end, add,—

Any proceeding which has been postponed under this order shall be exempted from the provisions of the standing order “Sittings of the House” for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings upon a motion under this order, and may be resumed and proceeded with at or after ten of the clock.

Insert new Standing Order No. 14,—

(1) Twenty-six days, being days before the 5th of August, shall be allotted to the business of supply in each session.

(2) On a day so allotted, being a day on which the committee or report of supply stands as the first order, no business other than the business of supply shall be taken before ten of the clock, and no business of supply shall be taken after ten of the clock, whether a general order exempting business from interruption under the standing order “Sittings of the House” is in force or not, unless the House otherwise orders on the motion of a minister of the crown, moved at the commencement of public business, to be decided without amendment or debate.

(3) For the purposes of this order the business of supply shall consist of proceedings on motions “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair”; supplementary or additional estimates for the current financial year; any excess vote; votes on account; main estimates whether for the coming or the current financial year; and reports of the Committee of Public Accounts and the Select Committee on Estimates. But such business shall not include any vote of credit or votes for supplementary or additional estimates presented by the government for war expenditure.

(4) On a day not earlier than the seventh allotted day, being a day before the 31st of March, the chairman shall at half-past nine of the clock, forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the vote then under
consideration and shall then forthwith put the question with respect to any vote on account and all such navy, army and air votes for the coming financial year as shall have been put down on at least one previous day for consideration in committee of supply on an allotted day. And the total amount of all such votes outstanding shall be granted for those services. And the chairman shall then in like manner put severally the questions that the total amounts of all such outstanding estimates supplementary to those of the current financial year as shall have been presented seven clear days, and any outstanding excess vote (provided that the Committee of Public Accounts shall have reported allowing such vote), be granted for the services defined in the supplementary estimates or any statement of excess.

(5) On a day not earlier than the eighth allotted day, being a day before the 31st of March, Mr. Speaker shall at half-past nine of the clock forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the report of the resolution then under consideration and shall then forthwith put, with respect to each resolution ordered to be reported by the committee of supply and not yet agreed to by the House, the question "That this House do agree with the committee in that resolution."

(6) On the last day but one of the allotted days the chairman shall at half-past nine of the clock forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the vote then under consideration, and shall then forthwith put the question with respect to each class of the civil estimates that the total amount of the votes outstanding in that class be granted for the services defined in the class, and shall in like manner put severally the questions that the total amounts of the votes outstanding in the revenue departments and defence department estimates, and in the navy, the army, and the air estimates be granted for the services defined in those estimates.

(7) On the last of the allotted days, Mr. Speaker shall, at half-past nine of the clock, forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the report of the resolution then under consideration, and shall then forthwith put, with respect to each class of the civil estimates, the question that the House doth agree with the committee in all the outstanding resolutions reported in respect of that class, and shall then put a like question with respect to all the resolutions outstanding in the revenue departments and defence department estimates, and in the navy, the army and the air estimates, and other outstanding resolutions severally.

(8) On any day upon which the chairman or Mr. Speaker is, under this order, directed to put forthwith any question, the consideration of the business of supply shall not be anticipated by a motion of adjournment, and no dilatory motion shall be moved on proceedings for that business and the business shall not be interrupted under any standing order.

(g) For the purposes of this order two Fridays shall be deemed equivalent to a single sitting on any other day.

Insert new Standing Order No. 16.—

(r) Whenever an order of the day is read for the House to resolve itself into committee other than a committee on a bill, Mr. Speaker shall leave the chair without putting any question, and the House shall thereupon resolve itself into such committee, unless on a day on which the committee of supply stands as the first order of the day a minister of the crown moves, "That Mr. Speaker now leave the chair," for the purpose of enabling a motion on going into committee of supply to be moved as an amendment to that question.

(2) Notwithstanding the practice of the House which prohibits reference to matters involving legislation in the course of debate in, or on going into, committee of supply, Mr. Speaker may, when an amendment to the question "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" is under discussion, permit such incidental reference to legislative action as he may consider relevant to any matter of administration then under debate, when enforcement of the prohibition would, in his opinion, unduly restrict the discussion of such matters.

After Standing Order No. 34, insert new Standing Order (Committee of the whole House on bill).—

Whenever an order of the day is read for the House to resolve itself into committee on a bill Mr. Speaker shall leave the chair without putting any question, and the House shall thereupon resolve itself into such committee, unless notice of an instruction to such committee has been given, when such instruction shall be first disposed of.

Insert new Standing Order (Ways and means resolutions).—

(2) When a minister of the crown in committee of ways and means has moved the first of several motions for imposing, renewing, varying or repealing any charge upon the people, the chairman shall forthwith put the question thereupon and shall then successively put forthwith the question on each further motion moved by the minister, save the last motion; and all such questions shall be decided without amendment or debate.

(2) On consideration of any resolution reported from the committee of ways and means for imposing, renewing, varying or repealing a charge upon the people, the question "That this House doth agree with the committee in the said resolution" shall be put forthwith.

Insert new Standing Order (Business Committee).—

There shall be a committee, to be designated "the Business Committee," consisting of the members of the chairmen's panel together with not more than five other members to be nominated by Mr. Speaker, which committee shall, in the case of any bill in respect of which an allocation of time order has been made by the House, allotting a specified number of days or portions of days to the consideration of the bill in committee of the whole House or on report, divide the bill into such parts as they may see fit and allot to each part so many days or portions of a day so allotted as they may consider appropriate;

(2) may, if they think fit, do the like in respect of any bill to the consideration of which in committee of the whole House or on report a specified number of days
or portions of days has been allotted by general agreement notified orally to the House by a minister of the crown; and

(3) shall report their recommendations to the House, and on consideration of any such report the question "That this House doth agree with the committee in the said report" shall be put forthwith and, if agreed to, shall have effect as if it were an order of the House.

Insert new Standing Order (Restriction of debate on question for clause to stand part).

If, during the consideration of a bill in committee of the whole House or in a standing committee, the chairman is of opinion that the principle of a clause and any matters arising thereon have been adequately discussed in the course of debate on the amendments proposed thereto, he may, after the last amendment to be selected has been disposed of, so state his opinion and shall then forthwith put the question "That the clause (or, the clause as amended) stand part of the bill"—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 16, by leaving out the word "ten," and inserting the word "eleven"—(Captain Crookshank)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "ten" stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the
Mr. Snow,
Mr. Wilkins:
Major Conant,
Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp:
Yea,
281.
No,
104.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 18, by leaving out the word "Twenty-six," and inserting the word "Twenty-eight"—(Mr. James Reid)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "Twenty-six," stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the
Mr. Snow,
Mr. Wilkins:
Major Conant,
Yea,
263.
Tellers for the
Mr. Dushe:
No,
116.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 129, by leaving out from the word "day" to the word "That," in l. 130, and inserting the words "a motion is moved"—(Colonel Ropner)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the
Mr. Pearson,
Mr. Richard Adams:
Mr. Richard Adams:
Yea,
Mr. Popplewell:
Yeas,
Major Conant:
No,
Mr. Snow:
Noes,
No.
147.
137.
50.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the
Mr. Simmons,
Mr. Richard Adams:
Yea,
Mr. Popplewell:
Yeas,
Major Conant:
No,
Major Studholme:
Noes,
No.
77.
60.
77.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 175, by leaving out from the beginning to the end of l. 205—(Captain Crookshank).

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the
Mr. Popplewell,
Mr. Wilkins:
Yea,
Mr. Wilkins:
Yeas,
No,
Mr. Studholme:
Noes,
No.
167.
77.
77.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed—And a Debate arising thereupon—And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Captain Crookshank):—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 206, by leaving out from the beginning to the end of the Question.

—(Sir Charles MacAndrew.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the
Mr. Simons,
Mr. Richard Adams:
Yea,
Mr. Popplewell:
Yeas,
Major Conant:
No,
Major Studholme:
Noes,
No.
147.
137.
50.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That the Amendment to Standing Orders, and new Standing Orders, relating to Public Business, hereinafter stated in the Schedule, be made; and that Standing Orders No. 14 (Business of Supply) and No. 16 (When Chair to be left without Question put) be repealed.

Schedule.

Standing Order No. 8, at end, add,—

Any proceeding which has been postponed under this order shall be exempted from the provisions of the standing order "Sittings of the House" for a period of time equal to the.
duration of the proceedings upon a motion under this order, and may be resumed and proceeded with at or after ten of the clock.

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(1) Twenty-six days, being days before the 5th of August, shall be allotted to the business of supply in each session.

(2) On a day so allotted, being a day on which a committee or report of supply stands as the first order, no business other than the business of supply shall be taken before ten of the clock, and no business of supply shall be taken after ten of the clock, whether a general order exempting business from interruption under the standing order “Sittings of the House” is in force or not, unless the House otherwise orders on the motion of a minister of the crown, moved at the commencement of public business, to be decided without amendment or debate.

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(4) On a day not earlier than the seventh allotted day, being a day before the 31st of March, the chairman shall at half-past nine of the clock, forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the vote then under consideration and shall then forthwith put the question with respect to any vote on account and all such navy, army and air votes for the coming financial year as shall have been put down on at least one previous day for consideration in committee of supply on an allotted day, that the total amount of all such votes outstanding be granted for those services. And the chairman shall then in like manner put severally the questions that the total amount of all such outstanding estimates supplementary to those of the current financial year as shall have been presented seven clear days, and any outstanding excess vote (provided that the Committee of Public Accounts shall have reported allowing such vote), be granted for the services defined in the supplementary estimates or any statement of excess.

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(8) On any day upon which the chairman or Mr. Speaker is, under this order, directed to put forthwith any question, the consideration of the business of supply shall not be anticipated by a motion of adjournment, and no dilatory motion shall be moved on proceedings for that business and the business shall not be interrupted under any standing order.

(9) For the purposes of this order two Fridays shall be deemed equivalent to a single sitting on any other day.

Insert new Standing Order No. 16.—

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(2) Notwithstanding the practice of the House which prohibits reference to matters involving legislation in the course of debate in, or on going into, committee of supply, Mr. Speaker may, when an amendment to the question “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” is under discussion, permit such incidental reference to legislative action as he may consider relevant to any matter of administration then under debate, when enforcement of the prohibition would, in his opinion, unduly restrict the discussion of such matters.

After Standing Order No. 34, insert new Standing Order (Committee of the whole House on bill).

Whenever an order of the day is read for the House to resolve itself into committee on a bill Mr. Speaker shall leave the chair without putting any question, and the House shall thereupon resolve itself into such committee, unless notice of an instruction to such committee has been given, when such instruction shall be first disposed of.
Committees).

(1) When a minister of the crown in committee of ways and means has moved the first of several amendments for imposing, renewing, varying or repealing any charge upon the people, the chairman shall forthwith put the question thereupon and shall then successively put forthwith the question on each further motion moved by the minister, save the last motion; and all such questions shall be decided without amendment or debate.

(2) On consideration of any resolution reported from the committee of ways and means for imposing, renewing, varying or repealing a charge upon the people, the question "That this House doth agree with the committee in the said resolution" shall be put forthwith.

Insert new Standing Order (Business Committee).

There shall be a committee, to be designated "the Business Committee" consisting of the members of the chairman’s panel together with not more than five other members to be nominated by Mr. Speaker, which committee

(1) shall, in the case of any bill in respect of which an allocation of time order has been made by the House, allotting a specified number of days or portions of days to the consideration of the bill in committee of the whole House or on report, divide the bill into such parts as they may see fit and allot to each part so many days or portions of a day so allotted as they may consider appropriate;

(2) may, if they think fit, do the like in respect of any bill to the consideration of which in committee of the whole House or on report a specified number of days or portions of days has been allotted by general agreement notified orally to the House by a minister of the crown; and

(3) shall report their recommendations to the House, and on consideration of any such report the question "That this House doth agree with the committee in the said report" shall be put forthwith and, if agreed to, shall have effect as if it were an order of the House.

Insert new Standing Order (Restriction of debate on question to clause to stand part).

If, during the consideration of a bill in committee of the whole House or in a standing committee, the chairman is of opinion that the principle of a clause and any matters arising thereon have been adequately discussed in the course of debate on the amendments proposed thereto, he may, after the last amendment to be selected has been disposed of, so state his opinion and shall then forthwith put the question "That the clause (or, the clause as amended) stand part of the bill."

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the several Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Public Business, hereinafter stated in the Schedule, be made.

Schedule.

Standing Order No. 47, l. 1, leave out "Not more than five" and insert "As many."
Standing Order No. 47, l. 2, after "ap-pointed," insert " as may be necessary."
Standing Order No. 47, l. 3, leave out "referred," and insert " committed."
Standing Order No. 47, l. 15, leave out "twenty," and insert "fifteen."
Standing Order No. 48, l. 2, leave out from "of " to " members," in line 3, and insert "twenty."
Standing Order No. 48, l. 7, leave out from "less than ten nor."
Standing Order No. 48, l. 16, leave out "thirty-five," and insert "thirty."

After Standing Order No. 48, insert new Standing Order (Meetings of standing committees).

(1) 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 of the clock, unless the committee otherwise determine:

Provided that—

(i) the first meeting of a standing committee to consider a bill shall be on a day and at a time to be named by the chairman of the committee:

(ii) no standing committee shall sit between the hours of one of the clock and half-past three of the clock.

(2) If a standing committee is not previously adjourned, the chairman shall adjourn the committee without question put at one of the clock:

Provided that—

(i) 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 of the clock.

(ii) 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 this paragraph, 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.

(3) Government bills referred to a standing committee shall be considered in whatever order the government may decide.

After the last new Standing Order, insert new Standing Order (Business sub-committee).

(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.
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 allotted 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 any additional sittings;
(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.

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.

All resolutions of a business sub-committee shall be printed and circulated with the Votes.

The time in charge of the bill, such a motion being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right, and the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. George Wallace: 135.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant: 42.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 63, by leaving out from the beginning to the end of l. 123.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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, and the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. George Wallace: 129.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drewe: 41.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 133, by leaving out from the first word “or” to the word “form.”—(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:—

Resolved, That the several Amendments to Standing Orders, and new Standing Orders, relating to Public Business, hereinafter stated in the Schedule, be made.

Schedule.

Standing Order No. 47, l. 1, leave out “Not more than five,” and insert “As many.”
Standing Order No. 47, l. 2, after “appointed,” insert “as may be necessary.”
Standing Order No. 47, l. 3, leave out “referred,” and insert “committed.”
Standing Order No. 47, l. 15, leave out “twenty,” and insert “fifteen.”
Standing Order No. 48, 1. 2, leave out from "of " to " members," in line 3, and insert "twenty.
Standing Order No. 48, 1. 7, leave out from beginning to " and."
Standing Order No. 48, 1. 15, leave out "less than ten nor."
Standing Order No. 48, 1. 13, leave out "three-five," and insert " thirty."
Standing Order No. 48, insert new Standing Order (Meetings of standing committees),—
(1) 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 of the clock, unless the committee otherwise determine:
Provided that—
(i) the first meeting of a standing committee to consider a bill shall be on a day and at a time to be named by the chairman of the committee:
(ii) no standing committee shall sit between the hours of one of the clock and half-past three of the clock.
(2) If a standing committee is not previously adjourned, the chairman shall adjourn the committee without question put at one of the clock:
Provided that—
(i) 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 of the clock.
(ii) 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 this paragraph, he shall not adjourn the committee until the questions consequent thereon and on any further motion provided in that standing order, have been decided.
(3) Government bills referred to a standing committee shall be considered in whatever order the government may decide.

After the last new Standing Order, insert new Standing Order (Attendance of Law Officers in standing committees),—
Mr. Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, being members of this House, or any of them, though not members of a standing committee, may take part in the deliberations of the committee, but shall not vote or move any motion or form part of the quorum.

After the last new Standing Order, insert new Standing Order (Adjournment of House to facilitate business of standing committees),—
In order to facilitate the business of standing committees a motion may, after two days' notice, be made by a minister of the crown at the commencement of public business, in either of the following forms:—
(a) "That this House do now adjourn" (in which case, if the question thereon be not previously agreed to, Mr. Speaker shall put the question half an hour after it has been proposed), or
(b) "That this House do now adjourn until seven of the clock this day " (in which case the question thereon shall be decided without amendment or debate):
Provided that if, on a day on which a motion in the terms of paragraph (a) of this order stands on the paper, leave has been given to move the adjournment of the House for the

(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 at the time 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 the 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; but, if resolved in the negative, the resolution shall be referred back to the business sub-committee.

After the last new Standing Order, insert new Standing Order (Business sub-committee),—
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 (a) 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 any additional sittings;
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purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, or opposed private business has been set down by direction of the chairman of ways and means, the motion shall be moved in the terms and subject to the procedure prescribed by paragraph (8) of this standing order.

Resolved, That the Amendment to Standing Orders, and new Standing Orders, relating to Public Business, hereinafter stated in the Schedule, be made.

Schedule.

Standing Order No. 93, 1. 4, leave out from the first " the" to " shall " in l. 5, and insert " Votes and Proceedings Office."

After Standing Order No. 93, insert new Standing Order (Presentation of statutory instruments),—

Where, under any Act of Parliament, a statutory instrument is required to be laid before Parliament, or before this House, the delivery of a copy of such instrument to the Votes and Proceedings Office on any day during the existence of a Parliament shall be deemed to be for all purposes the laying of it before the House.

After the last new Standing Order, insert new Standing Order (Notification),—

When any communication has been received by Mr. Speaker, drawing attention to the fact that copies of any statutory instruments have yet to be laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies have not been so laid before the instrument came into operation, Mr. Speaker shall thereupon lay such communication upon the Table of the House.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the several Amendments to Standing Orders, and new Standing Orders, relating to Public Business, hereinafter stated in the Schedule, be made; and that Standing Order No. 2 (Friday Sittings) be repealed.

Schedule.

Standing Order No. 1 (1), l. 3, leave out "a quarter to three" and insert "half-past two."

Standing Order No. 1 (2), leave out whole paragraph, and insert,—

(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 ten of the clock Mr. Speaker shall, after the expiration of half an hour after that motion has been proposed, adjourn the House without question put.

Standing Order No. 1 (3), l. 1, leave out "eleven " and insert "ten."

Standing Order No. 1 (3), l. 3, leave out "aforesaid," and insert "hereinafter provided."

Standing Order No. 1 (4), l. 2, leave out "eleven," and insert "ten of the clock."

Standing Order No. 1 (6), l. 11, leave out "eleven," and insert "ten."

Standing Order No. 1 (8), leave out whole paragraph, and insert,—

(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 either—

(a) That the proceedings on any specified business be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of the standing order "Sittings of the House", or

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

Standing Order No. 1 (g), leave out whole paragraph, and insert—

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

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

Standing Order No. 1, at end, add,—

(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 after ten of the clock, 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.

Insert new Standing Order No. 2.—

The House shall meet on Fridays at eleven of the clock for private business, petitions, orders of the day and notices of motions. Standing Order No. 1 shall apply to the sittings on Fridays with the omission of paragraph (1) thereof and with the substitution of references to four of the clock for references to ten of the clock.

Standing Order No. 6 (2), l. 2, after " than," insert " a quarter to."

Standing Order No. 6 (4), l. 3, leave out "half-past."

Standing Order No. 6 (5), l. 3, leave out "half-past."

Standing Order No. 7 (2), l. 4, after " than," insert " a quarter to."

Standing Order No. 7 (3), l. 2, leave out from " after " to " of," in l. 2, and insert " half-past three."

Standing Order No. 7 (4), l. 5, leave out " on the day, " and insert " two days (excluding Sunday)."

Standing Order No. 7 (4), at end, add,—

Provided that questions received at the Table Office on Monday and Tuesday before half-past two of the clock and on Friday
before eleven of the clock, may, if so desired by the member, be put down for oral answer on the following Wednesday, Thursday and Monday, respectively.

Standing Order No. 7 (5), 1. 4, leave out from "by" to "of," in 1. 5, and insert "half-past three."

Standing Order No. 7, insert new paragraph,—
(6) Whenever the House is adjourned for more than one day, notices of questions received at the Table Office at any time not later than half-past four of the clock on either of the two last days on which the House is not sitting (excluding any Saturday or Sunday) shall be treated as if either day were a day on which the House were sitting, at half-past four of the clock and the notice had been received after half-past two of the clock, and notices of questions received at the Table Office at any time not later than half-past four of the clock on a day before the penultimate day shall be treated as if they had been so received on the penultimate day.

Standing Order No. 8, 1. 6, after "made," insert "unless by a minister of the crown."

Standing Order No. 8, 1. 20, leave out from "until" to "on" in 1. 21, and insert "seven of the clock."

Standing Order No. 25, 1. 1, after "counted," insert "on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays."

Standing Order No. 25, 1. 2, leave out "a quarter past eight," and insert "half-past seven."

Standing Order No. 25, 1. 2, leave out "a quarter past nine," and insert "half-past eight."

Standing Order No. 25, 1. 4, leave out "a quarter past eight," and insert "half-past seven."

Standing Order No. 25, 1. 4, leave out from "and" to "of" in 1. 5, and insert "half-past eight."

Standing Order No. 25, at end, add,—
(2) Paragraph (1) of this standing order shall apply to sittings on Fridays, with the substitution of references to a quarter past one and a quarter past two of the clock for the references to half-past seven and half-past eight of the clock.

After Standing Order No. 33, insert new Standing Order (Notices of amendments, &c.),—
(1) 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 half-past four of the clock on the last day on which the House is not sitting (excluding any Saturday or Sunday) may be accepted by them as if the House was sitting.

(2) 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.

Standing Order No. 69, 1. 1, leave out "resolution," and insert "motion."
Standing Order No. 69, 1. 7, leave out "resolution," and insert "motion."
Standing Order No. 69, at end, add, "and any resolution come to by such committee may, with the general agreement of the House, be reported forthwith."

Insert new Standing Order (Acceleration of meeting during adjournment).—
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 order 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 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 standing order—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1. 32, by leaving out the words "either with or without notice."—(Captain Crookshank).

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;

Resolved, That the several Amendments to Standing Orders, and new Standing Orders, relating to Public Business, hereinafter stated in the Schedule, be made; and that Standing Order No. 2 (Friday Sittings) be repealed.

Schedule.

Standing Order No. 1 (1), 1. 3, leave out "a quarter to three," and insert "half-past two."

Standing Order No. 1 (2), leave out whole paragraph, and insert,—
(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 ten of the clock Mr. Speaker shall, after the expiration of half an hour after that motion has been proposed, adjourn the House without question put.

Standing Order No. 1 (3), 1. 1, leave out "eleven," and insert "ten."

Standing Order No. 1 (3), 1. 3, leave out "aforesaid," and insert "hereinafter provided."
Standing Order No. 1 (5), 1. 2, leave out "eleven," and insert "ten of the clock."

Standing Order No. 1 (6), 1. 11, leave out "eleven," and insert "ten."

Standing Order No. 1 (8), leave out whole paragraph, and insert,—

(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 either—

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

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

Standing Order No. 1 (9), leave out whole paragraph, and insert—

(g) If a motion made under the preceding paragraph to the effect that 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.

Standing Order No. 1, at end, add,—

(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 after ten of the clock, 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.

Insert new Standing Order No. 2,—

The House shall meet on Fridays at eleven of the clock for private business, petitions, orders of the day and notices of motions. Standing Order 1 shall apply to the sittings on Fridays with the omission of paragraph (2) thereof and with the substitution of references to four of the clock for references to ten of the clock:

Standing Order No. 6 (2), 1. 2, after "after," insert "a quarter to."

Standing Order No. 6 (4), 1. 3, leave out "half past."

Standing Order No. 6 (5), 1. 3, leave out "half past."

Standing Order No. 7 (2), 1. 4, after "than," insert "a quarter to."

Standing Order No. 7 (3), 1. 1, leave out from "after" to "of," in l. 2, and insert "half past three."

Standing Order No. 7 (4), 1. 5, leave out "on the day," and insert "two days (excluding Sunday)."

Standing Order No. 7 (4), at end, add,—

Provided that questions received at the Table Office on Monday and Tuesday before half past two of the clock and on Friday before eleven of the clock, may, if so desired by the member, be put down for oral answer on the following Wednesday, Thursday and Monday, respectively.

Standing Order No. 7 (5), 1. 4, leave out from "by" to "of," in l. 5, and insert "half past three.

Standing Order No. 7, insert new paragraph,—

(6) Whenever the House is adjourned for more than one day, notices of questions received at the Table Office at any time not later than half past four of the clock on either of the two last days on which the House is not sitting (excluding any Saturday or Sunday) shall be treated as if they had been received on the penultimate day.

Standing Order No. 8, 1. 6, after "made," insert "unless by a minister of the crown."

Standing Order No. 8, 1. 20, leave out from "until" to "on" in l. 21, and insert "seven of the clock."

Standing Order No. 25, 1. 1, after "counted," insert "on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays."

Standing Order No. 25, 1. 2, leave out "a quarter past eight," and insert "half past seven."

Standing Order No. 25, 1. 2, leave out "a quarter past nine," and insert "half past eight."

Standing Order No. 25, 1. 4, leave out "a quarter past eight," and insert "half past seven."

Standing Order No. 25, 1. 4, leave out from "and" to "of," in l. 5, and insert "half past eight."

Standing Order No. 25, at end, add,—

"(2) Paragraph (1) of this standing order shall apply to sittings on Fridays, with the substitution of references to a quarter past one and a quarter past two of the clock for the references to half past seven and half past eight of the clock."

After Standing Order No. 33, insert new Standing Order (Notices of amendments, &c.),—

(1) 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 half past four of the clock on the last day on which the House is sitting (excluding any Saturday or Sunday) may be accepted by them as if the House was sitting.
Adjournment.

Means.

Ways and Supply.

No. 6.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as amended, be printed.

Supply.

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

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

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

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Popplewell):—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. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty minutes before Five of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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[No. 12.]

Wednesday, 5th November, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Prime Minister reported to the House, Marriage of

That their Address of the 22nd day of October last relative to the Marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth had been presented to His Majesty by Mr. Churchill, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Earl Winterton, Mr. Secretary Edge, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Eden, Mr. Clement Davies and himself; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I thank you most sincerely for your loyal and dutiful address of congratulation on the approaching Marriage of My beloved Daughter Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Mountbatten. The Queen and I value more than words can express this further evidence of your warm and kindly interest in all that concerns the well-being of My Family and with you we pray that Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Mountbatten will be blessed with every happiness in their married life.

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) Cheadle and Gatley Urban District Council.
(2) Irwell Valley Water Board.
(3) Royal Leamington Spa Town Council.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the Order made upon the 31st day of October last, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trafalgar Select Committee on the Trafalgar Estates Bill in the last Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the said Minutes be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burma Independence Bill; The Prime Minister acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the King to acquaint the House that His Majesty places His prerogative and interests, so far as concerns the matters dealt with by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament.

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 adding, at the end of the Question, the words "upon this day six months."—(Earl Winterton.)

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. Snow, Mr. George Wallace : 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drew, Commander Agnew : 114.

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.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in arrangements for the reporting and publishing of Debates and in regard to the form and distribution of the Notice Papers issued in connection with the Business of the House ; and to inquire into the expenditure on stationery and printing for the House and the public services generally.—And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Close, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. John Foster, Mr. Harris, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Messer, Mr. Naylor, Mr. Stamford, Dr. Stross, Mr. Thornton-Kemsley and Mr. Walker.

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

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

Ordered, That Mr. Howard be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates ; and that Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth be added to the Committee.—(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 Wilsden, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Oswestry, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Wilmslow, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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

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

[ No. 13. ]

Thursday, 6th November, 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, East Riding (Howdenshire Division), in the room of Clifford William Hudson Glossop 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. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty’s Command, a copy of a confirmation of an explanatory of—

(1) the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 8 (Glen Lussa Project) (Campbeltown-Tarbert Transmission Lines), and

(2) the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 13 (Storr Lochs Project).

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 1st November 1947, entitled—

(1) the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 8) Confirmation Order, 1947, and
(2) the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 13) Confirmation Order, 1947.

Copy of an Amending General Order, dated 31st October 1947, for the Regulation of Proceedings under and in pursuance of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Directions, dated 3rd November 1947, entitled the Bedding (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 4) 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 Regulations, dated 31st October 1947, entitled the Water Abstraction Regulations, 1947.

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 3rd November 1947, entitled the Factories (Hours of Employment in Factories using Electricity) (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Key, supported by Mr. Bevan, Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. George Strauss and Mr. Glendower Hall, presented a Bill to increase the sums available for defraying expenses incurred by the Minister of Works under section one of the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Overseas Resources Development Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Strachey, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Overseas Resources Development (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 providing for the establishment of a corporation charged with duties for securing development in colonial territories (hereinafter referred to as the "Colonial Development Corporation") and for the establishment of a corporation charged with duties for securing the production or processing of foodstuffs or agricultural products other than foodstuffs in places outside the United Kingdom and the marketing thereof (hereinafter referred to as the "Overseas Food Corporation") it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of—

(i) sums required for making advances under the said Act to the Corporations up to amounts such that the aggregate outstanding at any time shall not exceed, in the case of the Colonial Development Corporation, one hundred million pounds; or, in the case of the Overseas Food Corporation, fifty million pounds; and

(ii) sums required for fulfilling any guarantee given by the Treasury under the said Act of borrowings (other than by way of such advances) of the Corporations;

(b) the raising under the National Loans Act, 1939, of any money required for the purpose of providing any sums to be borrowed as aforesaid or for the replacement thereof;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of—

(i) sums received by the Secretary of State or the Minister of Food by way of repayment of advances to the Corporations or of sums issued for fulfilling any guarantee given by the Treasury as aforesaid or by way of interest thereon; and

(ii) sums paid to the Minister of Food by the Overseas Food Corporation in respect of expenses incurred by the Minister for arrangements for starting activities falling within the functions of the Corporation or incurred by the Minister in respect of any property vested in him or contract entered into by him or on his behalf for the purposes of such arrangements or in respect of the transfer of any such property or contract to the Corporation;

(d) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer under sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (c) of this Resolution and the application of so much thereof as represents principal in redemption or repayment of debt and so much thereof as represents interest in payment of interest otherwise falling to be paid out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.—(Mr. Strachey.)

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.
Reports of the Committee do set forth, in respect of each Petition, the number of signatures which are accompanied by addresses, and which are written on sheets headed in every case by the prayer of the Petition, or on the back of such sheets, provided that on every sheet after the first the prayer may be reproduced in print or by other mechanical process; and that such Committee do have power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it.—And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Barton, Lieutenant-Colonel Boles, Mr. Chafer, Mr. Daggar, Mr. Erroll, Mr. Grey, Mr. Grieson, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Lambert, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. McAdam, Colonel Ponsonby, 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.)

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the 4th day of this instant November communicating the Resolution, That it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration.—(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.

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 Falmouth, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Harwich, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Lichfield, a copy of which Order was presented on the 4th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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

[ No. 14. ]

Friday, 7th November, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Statutory Instruments (Confirmation Powers) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Initial Report of the Boundary Commission for Scotland, constituted in accordance with the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1944.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st November 1947, entitled the Education Authorities (Scotland) Grant Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Jones, supported by Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, Mr. Glenvil Hall and Mr. Rees-Williams, presented a Bill to amend the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1930: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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 Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the Defence Regulations continued in force by the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Act, 1946, and with respect to certain emergency and temporary enactments extended by or contained in that Act, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by any Minister of the Crown in consequence of the passing of the said Act of the present Session, and any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act in any sums authorised or required by any other enactment to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.) Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Basil Neven-Spence reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd November 1947, entitled the Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 4) 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 29th October 1947, entitled the Metropolitan South-Eastern 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 Supplies and Services (Food) Orders, dated 6th November 1947, entitled—(1) the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947, and (2) the Preserves Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947. Copies of Orders, dated 6th November 1947, Supplies and Services (Food Rationing). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliament Second Reading of the Parliament Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which, without mandate, justification or public demand, seeks to destroy the constitutional safeguards embodied in the Parliament Act, 1911, when no
complaint has been put forward of the use by the House of Lords of its existing powers; when no attempt has been made to deal with the composition of the Second Chamber which that Act laid down as an essential condition of further reform; and at a time when the immediate consequence can only be to distract attention from the economic perils with which the country is confronted "—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[ No. 16. ]

Tuesday, 11th November, 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 Borough of Edinburgh (East Division), in the room of the Right Honourable George Reid Thomson, K.C., who since his election for the said Borough hath accepted the Office of His Majesty's Justice Clerk and President of the Second Division of the Court of Session in Scotland.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Council of the City of Leeds 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. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper containing Statements showing the estimated effect on rates levied in Administrative Counties and County Boroughs if the changes in Exchequer grants proposed in Part I of the Local Government Bill and certain other changes in expenditure and grants had had effect in 1946-47.

Mr. Bevan also presented, pursuant to the Local Government Bill, Part I, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Preston Rural District Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th November 1947, entitled the Registration for Employment 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 6th November 1947, entitled the Onions Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1947.

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

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 Parliament Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word " That " to the end of the Question, and add the words " this House declines to destroy the constitutional safeguards embodied in the Parliament Act, 1911, when no complaint has been put forward of the use by the House of Lords of its existing powers; when no attempt has been made to deal with the composition of the Second Chamber which that Act laid down as an essential condition of further reform; and at a time when the immediate consequence can only be to distract attention from the economic perils with which the country is confronted," 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.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Robert Taylor; 345.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Drewe; 194.]

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. Pearson.)

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

Mr. Strachey reported from the Committee on Overseas Resources Development (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

Mr. Strachey reported from the Committee on Overseas Resources Development (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—
That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session providing for the establishment of a corporation charged with duties for securing development in colonial territories (hereinafter referred to as the "Colonial Development Corporation") and for the establishment of a corporation charged with duties for securing the production or processing of foodstuffs or agricultural products other than foodstuffs in places outside the United Kingdom and the marketing thereof (hereinafter referred to as the "Overseas Food Corporation") it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of—

(i) sums required for making advances under the said Act to the Corporations up to amounts such that the aggregate outstanding at any time shall not exceed, in the case of the Colonial Development Corporation, one hundred million pounds, or, in the case of the Overseas Food Corporation, fifty million pounds; and

(ii) sums required for fulfilling any guarantee given by the Treasury under the said Act of borrowings (other than by way of such advances) of the Corporations;

(b) the raising under the National Loans Act, 1939, of any money required for the purposes of providing any sums to be issued as aforesaid or for the replacement thereof;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of—

(i) sums received by the Secretary of State or the Minister of Food by way of repayment of advances to the Corporations or of sums issued for fulfilling any guarantee given by the Treasury as aforesaid or by way of interest thereon; and

(ii) sums paid to the Minister of Food by the Overseas Food Corporation in respect of expenses incurred by the Minister for arrangements for starting activities falling within the functions of the Corporation or incurred by the Minister in respect of any property vested in him or contract entered into by him or on his behalf for the purposes of such arrangements or in respect of the transfer of any such property or contract to the Corporation;

(d) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer under sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (c) of this Resolution and the application of so much thereof as represents principal in redemption or repayment of debt and so much thereof as represents interest in payment of interest otherwise falling to be paid out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit) Regulations, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2192), dated 13th October 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 21st day of October last, be annulled.—(Mr. Challen).—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

CHAIREDNENT'S PANEL.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day nominated Mr. Thurtle a member of the Chairmen's Panel in the room of Mr. Shawcross, resigned.

[No. 17.]

Wednesday, 12th November, 1947.

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

PRAYERS

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Paris on the 14th day of June 1947, between the Governments of the United States of America, France, the United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia on a Plan for Allocation of a Reparation Share to non-repatriable Victims of German Action (with Annex).

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Credit Scheme made by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Coast Protection Order, 1947, and

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

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

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Gaitskell 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 Burgh of Johnstone.

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

**Financial Statement (Supplementary) (November 1947).**

No. 8.

Mr. Glenvil Hall accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

**Ways and Means.**

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

(12th November. 1947.)

**Beer (Excise).**

1. Motion made, That, as from the thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the rates of the duty of excise charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be increased by adding—

(a) nineteen shillings and a penny halfpenny to the sums of seven pounds one shilling and a halfpenny specified in Part III of the First Schedule to the Finance Act, 1944; and the sums of eight pounds one shilling and a halfpenny specified in Part IV of that Schedule; and

(b) eightpence halfpenny to the sums of five shillings and twopence halfpenny specified in those Parts of that Schedule; and in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the rates increased as aforesaid has been paid, the customs drawback allowed under the said section one shall be allowed at rates increased by adding—

(i) nineteen shillings and a penny halfpenny to the sums of seven pounds and ninepence halfpenny specified in Part V of the said First Schedule and the sums of eight pounds and ninepence halfpenny specified in Part VI of that Schedule; and

(ii) eightpence halfpenny to the sums of five shillings and twopence halfpenny specified in those Parts of that Schedule.

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.)

**Question put, and agreed to.**

2. Motion made, That, as from the thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the rates of the duty of customs charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be increased by adding—

(a) nineteen shillings and a penny halfpenny to the sums of seven pounds one shilling and a halfpenny specified in Part III of the Finance Act, 1944; and the sums of eight pounds one shilling and a halfpenny specified in Part IV of that Schedule; and

(b) eightpence halfpenny to the sums of five shillings and twopence halfpenny specified in those Parts of that Schedule; and in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the rates increased as aforesaid has been paid, the customs drawback allowed under the said section one shall be allowed at rates increased by adding—

(i) nineteen shillings and a penny halfpenny to the sums of seven pounds and ninepence halfpenny specified in Part V of the said First Schedule and the sums of eight pounds and ninepence halfpenny specified in Part VI of that Schedule; and

(ii) eightpence halfpenny to the sums of five shillings and twopence halfpenny specified in those Parts of that Schedule.

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.)

**Question put, and agreed to.**

3. Motion made, That, as from the thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the rate of the duty of excise charged on spirits by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part III of the First Schedule to that Act, shall be increased to nine pounds ten shillings and tenpence per gallon computed at proof;

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.)

**Question put, and agreed to.**

4. Motion made, That, as from the thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the duties of customs charged on spirits of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part II of the First Schedule to that Act, shall—

(a) in the case of spirits being Empire products, be charged at the rates shown in the second column of that Table; and
(b) in the case of spirits not being Empire products, be charged at the rates shown in the third column of that Table.

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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.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

**Sweets (Excise).**

6. Motion made, That, as from the thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the duty of excise on sweets shall be charged at the rates set out in the following Table.

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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.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

**Purchase Tax.**

7. Motion made, That, in the case of purchase tax becoming due on or after the thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, in respect of any goods other than mechanically propelled road vehicles and mechanically propelled cycles, the higher, intermediate, basic and reduced rates shall be respectively five-fourths, three-fourths, one-half and one-third of the wholesale value of the goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

**Profits Tax.**

8. Motion made, That—

(a) the rates of twelve and a half per cent., seven and a half per cent. and three per cent. mentioned in sections thirty, thirty-six and forty-two of the Finance Act, 1947, shall be raised to twenty-five per cent. fifteen per cent. and six per cent. respectively;

(b) interest at three per cent. per annum shall be payable on unpaid profits tax;
(c) the said interest and any interest payable on income tax (including surtax) or excess profits tax shall not be deducted in computing profits or losses for the purposes of the profits tax;

(d) the preceding provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed always to have had effect, except that interest shall in no case begin to run before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight;

(e) half only of the advertising expenses which would otherwise be allowable shall be allowed to be deducted in computing the profits or the losses of a trade or business, for any chargeable accounting period ending after the twelfth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, for any of the purposes of the enactments relating to the profits tax;

(f) any Act of the present Session giving effect to this Resolution may contain provisions consequential on or incidental to any of the preceding provisions of this Resolution.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Income Tax (Interest on Unpaid Tax).

10. Motion made, That—

(a) interest at three per cent. per annum shall be payable on unpaid income tax (including surtax);

(b) the said interest and any interest payable on profits tax or excess profits tax shall be paid without deduction of income tax and shall not be allowed to be deducted in computing the amount of any income or loss for any of the purposes of the Income Tax Acts;

(c) the preceding provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed always to have had effect, except that interest shall in no case begin to run before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; and

(d) any Act of the present Session giving effect to this Resolution may contain provisions consequential on or incidental to any of the provisions aforesaid.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Income Tax (Advertising Expenses).

II. Motion made, That half only of the advertising expenses which would otherwise be allowable shall be allowed to be deducted in computing the profits or losses of a trade, profession or vocation for any of the purposes of the Income Tax Acts, for the year 1947-48 or any subsequent year of assessment.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Excess Profits Tax.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That

(a) interest at three per cent. per annum shall be payable on unpaid excess profits tax;

(b) paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall be deemed always to have had effect, except that interest shall in no case begin to run before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; and

(c) any Act of the present Session giving effect to this Resolution may contain provisions consequential on or incidental to any of the provisions aforesaid.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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. Simmons.)

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

[No. 18.]

Thursday, 13th November, 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 Surrey (Epsom Division) in the room of Commander Sir Archibald Richard James Southby, Baronet, R.N., who since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Churls on Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)
Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled the Naval General Service Medal and the General Service Medal (Army and Royal Air Force).

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 3rd November 1947, entitled the Tillage (Northern Ireland) General Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented,—by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Scottish National Parks Committee and the Scottish Wild Life Conservation Committee.

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

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters, signed at Geneva on the 30th day of October, 1947, exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and His Majesty's Government in Canada, modifying the United Kingdom—Canada Trade Agreement of 1937.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 7th November 1947, entitled the Designs (No. 3) (Amendment) Rules, 1947.

Copies of Rules, dated 7th November 1947, entitled—

1) the Patents (Canada) Rules, 1947, and
2) the Patents (No. 3) (Amendment) Rules, 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 7th November 1947, entitled the Control of Turbo-Alternators (No. 1) Order, 1947.

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 5th November 1947, entitled the Potatoes (Control of Supply) Order, 1947.


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

Mr. H. Mann presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parish of Ecclesfield in the diocese of Sheffield, prepared by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners under the Reorganisation Areas Measure, 1944.

Supplies and Services (Land Cultivation).

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

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

Copy of a Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parish of Ecclesfield in the diocese of Sheffield, prepared by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners under the Reorganisation Areas Measure, 1944.

Sir Robert Young reported from the Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of Subsection (3) of Section r 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.

Sir Robert Young 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 (Committee on Unopposed Bills): Mr. Brooks, Mr. Erroll, Dr. Guest, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hubbard, Wing Commander Hubert, Mr. Janner, Mr. Linstead, Mr. Logan, Mr. Longden, Sir Hugh Lucas-Twyford, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Murray, Sir Vincent Corr, Mr. Gormley Roberts, Mr. Shephard, Mr. Solley, Mr. Bernard Taylor, and Mr. George Thomas.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, That they had selected the following Eight Members to be the Panel of Members appointed to serve on the Standing Orders Committee under Standing Order 103 relating to Private Business (Standing Orders Committee): Mr. Ayles, Mr. Boulton, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Gooch, Mr. Leslie, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Orbach and Mr. Charles Williams.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, That, in pursuance of the provisions of Standing Order 228 relating to Private Business (Committee of Selection to choose Parliamentary Panel), they had selected the following Twenty Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936:—

Mr. Alexander Anderson, Sir Peter Macdonald, Mr. Alexander Anderson, Viscount Corvedale, Mr. Gilzean, Mr. Hoy, Lieutenant-Commander Hutchinson, Mr. Kirkwood, Major McCallum, Mr. McKie, Mr. McKinnay, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Sir Basil Nevin-Spence, Mr. Kandlan, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Nollan, Mr. Snadden, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Timmons and Mr. Watson.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, That they had appointed the following Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee A: Mr. Alpass, Sir John Barlow, Mr. Collins, Mr. Dodington, Mr. Donner, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mrs. Ganley, Mr. Leavens, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Brigadier Macheson, Mrs. Manning, Mr. Paget, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Mr. Royle, Mr. Scott-Elliot, Mr. Skinnard, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Turner-Samuels, Mr. Watkins and Major Wise.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Overseas Resources Development Bill): Mr. Baldwin, Lieutenant-Colonel Clifton-Brown, Lieutenant-Colonel Corbett, Mr. Cranley, Mr. Dumpleton, Mr. Dye, Mr. Foot, Mr. Gammons, Mr. Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. Gwilym Hall, Sir John Graham Kerr, Mr. Secretary Jones, Sir Peter Macaulay, Mr. Mallat, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Parker, Colonel Ponsonby, Mr. Price-White,
Mr. Rankin, Mr. Rees-Williams, Sir Arthur Salter, Dr. Segal, Mr. Snow, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Strachey, Dr. Summerskill, Mr. Harry Wallace, and Mr. William Williams.

Selection (Standing Committees).

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee of Selection, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, presented a Bill to make provision for, and in connection with, the attainment by Ceylon of fully responsible status within the British Commonwealth of Nations: 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 Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Excess Profits Tax.

Question again proposed, That—
(a) interest at three per cent. per annum shall be payable on unpaid excess profits tax;
(b) paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall be deemed always to have had effect, except that interest shall in no case begin to run before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; and
(c) any Act of the present Session giving effect to this Resolution may contain provisions consequential on or incidental to any of the provisions aforesaid.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; 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. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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) Hornchurch Urban District Council.
(2) Sevenoaks Urban District Council.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
Schedule (superseding the Schedule made for the Colonial Office and Dominions Office, jointly, and laid before Parliament on the 4th day of December 1936), containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Colonial Office, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Burma Independence Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Independence of Burma.)
An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words "or such later date as may be specified by His Majesty by Order in Council being a date not earlier than the date upon which the Secretary of State shall be satisfied that arrangements have been made for the equitable treatment of such civil servants not being servants of the Secretary of State as shall suffer loss or diminution of employment and emoluments consequent upon Burma becoming an independent country."—(Mr. Low.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Yeas:—
Mr. Drew, 61.
Major Conant:—Mr. Wilkins:—162.
Tellers for the Noes:
Mr. Simmons:
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Certain persons to cease to be British subjects.)
Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out the word "person," to the word "is" in l. 10, and insert the words "to whom subsection (1) of this section would but for the provisions of this subsection apply who."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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 (Legal proceedings.)
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 19, to leave out the words "abate on that day," and insert the words "be proceeded with as if this Act had not been passed."—(Mr. Nicholson.)

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Question proposed, That the words "abate on that day" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Diamond reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

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

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

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

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Overseas Resources Development Bill to Standing Committee A.

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 Overseas Resources Development Bill.
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 Treasury Minute, dated 14th November 1947, in pursuance of the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Ministry of Transport.

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

Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Ninety-ninth Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, for the year preceding the 1st day of November 1946, with an Appendix.

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

Sunday and 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 Urban District of Bicester,
(2) the Urban District of Filey,
(3) the Borough of Grantham,
(4) the Urban District of Ross-on-Wye,
(5) the Urban District of Shipley, and
(6) the Rural District of Wayland.

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

Chartered and Other Bodies (Temporary Provisions).

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council dated 13th November 1947, entitled the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee (Extension of Term of Office) Order, 1947.

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

Geneva Tariff Negotiations.

Mr. Wilson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report on the Geneva Tariff Negotiations, with the Text of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and Supplementary Agreements with the United States of America and Canada, made at Geneva on the 30th day of October 1947.

Orders for Supplies and Services (Food).

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 14th November 1947, entitled—

(1) the Food (Restriction on Dealings) Order, 1943 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947,
(2) the Food (Licensing of Retailers) Order, 1945 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947, and
(3) the Flour Confectionery (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Excess Profits Tax.

Question again proposed, That—

(a) interest at three per cent. per annum shall be payable on unpaid excess profits tax;

(b) paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall be deemed always to have had effect, except that interest shall in no case begin to run before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; and

(c) any Act of the present Session giving effect to this Resolution may contain provisions consequential on or incidental to any of the provisions aforesaid.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Resolutions to be reported.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Borough of Aldeburgh,
(2) the Urban District of Long Eaton,
(3) the Rural District of North Cotswold,
(4) the Urban District of Otley,
(5) the Borough of St. Ives (Huntingdon),
and
(6) the Urban District of Seaton Valley.

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

Air Force.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Amendment to the Rules of Procedure (Air Force), 1933.

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

Local Government
Superannuation.

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) Barking Town Council.
(2) Norfolk County Council.
(3) Pagnton Urban District Council.

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

Canals and Navigable
Rivers.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th November 1947, entitled the Canals (Increase of Charges) Regulations, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 12th November 1947, entitled the Canals (Limitation of Tolls) (Increase of Charges) (Revocation) Order, 1947.

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

Supplies and
Services (Canals).

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Manchester.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Chairman’s Panel, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

1. That there, on two successive sittings of a Standing Committee called for the consideration of a particular Bill, the Committee has to be adjourned by reason of the absence of a quorum within the first twenty minutes of the time for which the said Committee was summoned, the Chairman do instruct the Clerk to place the particular Bill at the bottom of the list of Bills then waiting consideration of that Committee, and that the Committee shall forthwith be convened to consider the other Bill or Bills then waiting.

2. That, 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.

3. That whenever the Chairman of a Standing Committee adjourns the Committee without Question put, the Debate on any Question then under discussion, or further Consideration of the Bill, shall be resumed at the next sitting of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords 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 passed a Bill, intituled, Stornoway Harbour Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Stornoway Harbour; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Edinburgh Merchant Company Widows’ Fund (Amendment) Confirmation Bill [Lords].

The Stornoway Harbour Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

The Edinburgh Merchant Company Widows’ Fund (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received an invitation from Monsieur Herriot, President of the French National Assembly, to pay him a return visit to Paris from the 26th to the 30th day of November; and he had therefore to ask the indulgence and leave of the House so to absent himself.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, at the Bar, Civil List, acquainted the House, That he had a Message from his Majesty to this House, signed by His Majesty’s own hand, and he presented the
P R A Y E R S.

T H E House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Stornoway Harbour Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh Merchant Company Widows' Fund (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, presented a Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th November 1947, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Medical Supplies) Order, 1947. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of the General Report by the Board of Trade on Companies, for the years 1939—1945. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tominson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 12th November 1947, entitled the Educational Conferences Provisional Amending Regulations, 1947. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Copy of Regulations, dated 14th November 1947, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 8) Regulations, 1947. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (General Provisions) Order, 1944 (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1947.
Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1947, entitled the Seed Potatoes (1947 Crop) Transport Order, 1947.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws in the Session of 1866, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


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

Copy of Rules, dated 13th November 1947, entitled the Mayor's and City of London Court Funds Rules, 1947.

Ordered, That the Paper relating to Temporary Laws be printed.

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider His Majesty's Most Gracious Message of the 18th day of this instant November relating to Provision for Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R.N., on the occasion of their marriage, and to the Civil List and other matters connected therewith.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to examine all witnesses who voluntarily appear before them and to report their observations to the House.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Twenty-one Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of the Prime Minister, Sir John Anderson, Mr. Benson, Mr. Batchel, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Churchill, Miss Colman, Mr. Corlett, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Eden, Mr. Foot, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Howard, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McGhee, Sir Hugh O'Neill, Mr. Scott-Elliot, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Webb, and Earl Winterton.

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

Ordered, That upon the occasion of his forthcoming visit to France, Mr. Speaker do present as a gift from this House to the Library of the University of Caen, the 231 volumes of "La Collection des documents inédits sur l'histoire de France" now in the Library of the House of Commons.—(Mr. Benson.)

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 12th day of this instant November, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Beer (Excise).

1. That, as from the thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the rate of the duty of excise charged on spirits by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part III of the First Schedule to that Act, shall be increased to nine pounds ten shillings and tenpence per gallon computed at proof.

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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.

Spirits (Customs).

4. That, as from the thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the duties of customs charged on spirits of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part II of the First Schedule to that Act, shall—
(a) in the case of spirits being Empire products, be charged at the rates shown in the second column of that Table; and
(b) in the case of spirits not being Empire products, be charged at the rates shown in the third column of that Table.

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<td>For every gallon composed at proof of—</td>
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<td>Bona fide rum or other Spirituous liquors</td>
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<td>Unadulterated spirits other than those defined as &quot; Duty free spirits&quot;</td>
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<td>For every gallon of perfumed spirits</td>
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<td>For every gallon of liqueurs, cordials, mixtures and other preparations in bottle entered in such manner as to indicate that the strength is not to be tested</td>
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<td>For every gallon composed at proof of spirits of any description other than those heretofore mentioned, including naphtha and methylated alcohol purified so as to be potable, and mixtures containing spirits</td>
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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.

Wines (Customs).

5. That, as from the thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the duties of customs charged on wines under paragraph (a) and paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section three of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall respectively be charged at the rates set out in Part I and Part II of the following Table, and the duty charged under paragraph (b) of that subsection on wine not exceeding twenty-seven degrees of proof spirit and being an Empire product shall be calculated accordingly.

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<td>Not exceeding 25 degrees proof spirit</td>
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<td>Exceeding 25 degrees proof spirit and not exceeding 42 degrees proof spirit</td>
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<td>Exceeding 42 degrees proof spirit</td>
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<td>For every degree or fraction of a degree above 42 degrees proof spirit, an additional duty</td>
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<td>Still, in bottle, an additional duty</td>
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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.

Sweets (Excise).

6. That, as from the thirteenth day of Sweets (Excise). November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the duty of excise on sweets shall be charged at the rates set out in the following Table.

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<td>Not exceeding 27 degrees proof spirit</td>
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<td>Exceeding 27 degrees proof spirit</td>
<td>1 4 6</td>
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<td>Sparkling, an additional duty</td>
<td>0 15 6</td>
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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.

Purchase Tax.

7. That, in the case of purchase tax becoming Purchase Tax, due on or after the thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, in respect of any goods other than mechanically propelled road vehicles and mechanically propelled cycles, the higher, intermediate, basic and reduced rates shall be respectively five-fourths, three-fourths, one-half and one-third of the wholesale value of the goods.

Pool Betting Duty.

8. That an excise duty of ten per cent. of the Pool Betting stake money paid shall be charged on pool betting (including coupon and other similar betting and totalisator betting), except betting by means of a totalisator set up on an approved horse racecourse by or under the authority of the Racecourse Betting Control Board, and any Act of the present Session giving effect to this Resolution may contain provisions consequential on or incidental to the preceding provisions of this Resolution.

Profits Tax.

9. That—
(a) the rates of twelve and a half per cent., Profits Tax. seven and a half per cent. and three per cent. mentioned in sections thirty, thirty-six and forty-two of the Finance Act, 1947, shall be raised to twenty-five per cent., fifteen per cent. and six per cent., respectively,
(b) interest at three per cent. per annum shall be payable on unpaid profits tax;
(c) the said interest and any interest payable on income tax (including surtax) or excess profits tax shall not be deducted in computing profits or losses for the purposes of the profits tax;
(d) the preceding provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed always to have had effect, except that interest shall in no case begin to run before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight;
(e) half only of the advertising expenses which would otherwise be allowable shall be allowed to be deducted in computing the profits or the losses of a trade or business, for any chargeable accounting period ending after the twelfth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven,

Income Tax (Interest on Unpaid Tax)
10. That—
(a) interest at three per cent. per annum shall be payable on unpaid income tax (including surtax);
(b) the said interest and any interest payable on profits tax or excess profits tax shall be paid without deduction of income tax and shall not be allowed to be deducted in computing the amount of any income or loss for any of the purposes of the Income Tax Acts;
(c) the preceding provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed always to have had effect, except that interest shall in no case begin to run before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; and
(d) any Act of the present Session giving effect to this Resolution may contain provisions consequential on or incidental to any of the preceding provisions of this Resolution.

Income Tax (Advertising Expenses).
11. That half only of the advertising expenses which would otherwise be allowable shall be allowed to be deducted in computing the profits or gains, or the losses, of a trade, profession or vocation for any of the purposes of the Income Tax Acts, for the year 1947-48 or any subsequent year of assessment.

The First Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Second Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Third Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Fourth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Fifth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Sixth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Seventh Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Eighth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Ninth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Tenth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Eleventh Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 17th day of this instant November, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Excess Profits Tax

That—

(a) interest at three per cent. per annum shall be payable on unpaid excess profits tax;

(b) paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall be deemed always to have had effect, except that interest shall in no case begin to run before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; and

c) any Act of the present Session giving effect to this Resolution may contain provisions consequential on or incidental to any of the provisions aforesaid.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution and upon the other Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means and agreed to this day: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Glenvil Hall do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Glenvil Hall accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties and to make certain amendments in the law relating to the Public Revenue: And the same was read the first time and 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, yesterday, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Local Government Bill be now read a second time; the Question put pursuant to S.O. (Ways and Means Resolutions).


Finance.

Mr. Glencoe Hall accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties and to make certain amendments in the law relating to the Public Revenue: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

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 [Mr. Joseph Henderson,] 286.

Yea, [Mr. Hannan: 138.

Tellers for the [Mr. Drewe,] 125.

Nees, [Major Conant: 275.

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. Elliot);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Major Conant,] 125.

Yeas, [Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp ] 275.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson,] 275.

Nees, [Mr. Hannan : ] 138.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Bevan, by His Majesty’s Command, Local Government Bill, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Local Government having been moved, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole 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 Exchequer grants to local authorities and grants by local authorities to other authorities and other bodies, and the law relating to rating, valuation for rating and precepts to rating authorities and, among other things, for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), it is expedient—

(1) To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of a grant in any year to the council of any county or county borough in England and Wales or of any county or large burgh in Scotland, being a county, county borough or large burgh the rateable value for which in that year, calculated in accordance with the Act, is less than the standard rateable value for that county, county borough or large burgh for that year, calculated as aforesaid; so, however, that any such grant shall not exceed the relevant fraction of the amount of the difference.

In this paragraph, the expression “the relevant fraction” means the fraction arrived at by dividing the relevant local expenditure, as defined in the Act, for the year in question by the sum of the following amounts, that is to say, the aforesaid amount of the difference and the product
of a rate of one pound in the pound, calculated in accordance with the Act, for the county, county borough or large burgh for that year.

(2) To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament to the council of any county or county borough in England and Wales or of any county or large burgh in Scotland—

(a) of transitional grants, calculated in accordance with the Act, for the year 1948-49 and for each of the four following years, in the circumstances laid down in the Act; so, however, that any such grant for the year 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52, or 1952-53 shall not exceed four-fifths, three-fifths, two-fifths or one-fifth, respectively, of any such grant for the year 1948-49;

(b) of a special grant, calculated in accordance with the Act, for the year 1948-49 if any part of that year falls before the appointed day for the purposes of Part II of the National Health Service Act, 1946, or, as the case may be, of Part II of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947.

(3) To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament under subsection (1) objection fifty-three of the National Health Service Act, 1946, and under subsection (1) of section fifty-three of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, to any local health authority of a sum equal to one-half of the expenditure in respect of which grants are payable under those subsections, respectively, instead of an amount to be determined by regulations made under those subsections, respectively.

(4) To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any sums required for the purpose of adjusting the grants mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Resolution by reason of any modification of the operation of the Act authorised thereunder in consequence of any alteration or combination of authorities or alteration of boundaries;

(b) of the expenses of local valuation panels and local valuation courts under the Act;

(c) of the remuneration of, and of the expenses incurred by, valuation officers under the Act, including the remuneration and expenses of persons employed to assist them;

(d) of any compensation payable under the Act to officers or servants of the Central Valuation Committee;

(e) of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Works as a consequence of the passing of the Act, including any expenses incurred by him under or by reason of any provision of the Act relating to the acquisition of premises;

(f) of benefits under the Supernumerary Acts, 1834 to 1946, payable by virtue of any provision of the Act to a person in the Civil Service of the Crown in respect of service otherwise than to the Crown; and

(g) of any administrative expenses incurred by the Minister of Health or the Secretary of State under the Act.—

(Mr. Bevan.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the Defence Regulations continued in force by the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Act, 1946, and with respect to certain emergency and temporary enactments extended by or contained in that Act, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by any Minister of the Crown in consequence of the passing of the said Act of the present Session, and any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act in any sums authorised or required by any other enactment to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Continuation for further periods of certain Defence Regulations).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words and as respects Defence Regulation fifty-eight A.—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Richard Adams: 224].

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Major Conant: 130].

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Conant, Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp: 131].

Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Richard Adams: 217].

Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Snow.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported,
Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Ross-on-Wye, a copy of which Order was presented on the 17th day of this instant October, be approved. — (Mr. Younger.)

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 Grantham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 17th day of this instant October, be approved. — (Mr. Younger.)

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 Shipley, a copy of which Order was presented on the 17th day of this instant November, be approved. — (Mr. Younger.)

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 Wayland, a copy of which Order was presented on the 17th day of this instant November, be approved. — (Mr. Younger.)

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

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

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

**PRAYERS.**

The Stornoway Harbour Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, 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 Edinburgh Merchant Company Widows' Fund (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, 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.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to a direction of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, — Copy of an Order (No. 6895), dated 17th November 1947, authorising the landing of Friesian Cattle from the Netherlands.

Copy of the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Forestry Commissioners, for the year ended the 30th day of September 1946.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to a direction of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, — Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1947, entitled the Electricity (Areas of Area Boards) 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 A: Mr. Paget, Mr. Turner-Samuels, and Mr. Watkins; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Kinghorn, Dr. Morgan, and Mr. Thomas Reid.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented a Bill to amend the enactments relating to agricultural holdings in Scotland; to make further provision for the improvement and development of agriculture and the use of agricultural land in Scotland; to authorise the making of grants towards the provision of houses and buildings for landholders and cottars in the Highlands and Islands; to extend the time for making applications for assistance under the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1936; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.
Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Bevan.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Continuation for further periods of certain Defence Regulations).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Mr. William Morrison.)

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson : 230.
Mr. Richard Adams : 229.
Tellers for the Noes, Commander Agnew : 125.
Lieutenant-Colonel Thorp : 119.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out ll. 8 to 14.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Further extension of certain other emergency enactments).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, to leave out the word "thirty-first," and insert the word "tenth."—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Extension of Defence Regulations and enactments by Order in Council in pursuance of an Address of both Houses).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson : 226.
Mr. Hannan : 225.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drew : 101.
Commander Agnew : 100.

Clauses Nos. 8 to 10 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 11 and 12 amended, and agreed to.

First Schedule.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, to leave out ll. 34 to 36.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, to leave out l. 37.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 39, at the end, to insert the words "Regulation fifty-two (Use of land for purposes of His Majesty's Forces)."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 42, to leave out the word "thirteen."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 42, to leave out "fifteen A."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That "fifteen A" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, to leave out ll. 12 and 13.—(Mr. William Morrison.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, to leave out l. 14.—(Mr. William Morrison.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Snow : 206.
Mr. George Wallace : 89.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Drew : 89.
Mr. Studholme : 89.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, to leave out ll. 19 to 22.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, to leave out ll. 26 and 27.—(Mr. William Morrison.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, to leave out l. 43.—(Mr. William Morrison.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 4, to leave out subhead (a).—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, 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.
Mr. Popplewell reported from the Committee on Jersey and Guernsey (Financial Provisions) (Money), 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 Otley, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 St. Ives (Huntingdon), a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 North Cotswold, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Tideswell, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 St. Mary, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Royston, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Ely, a copy of which Order was presented on the 18th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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

[No. 24.]

Friday, 21st November, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Initial Report of the Boundary Commission for Wales, constituted in accordance with the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1944.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the Goods and Services (Price Control) Act, 1947, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 12) Order, 1947.
Copy of Directions, dated 15th November 1947, entitled the Woven Wool Cloth (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 4) Directions, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st October 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 31st October 1947.

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

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 Housing (Temporary Accommodation) [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 Parliament to be presented to the House, for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred by the Minister of Works under section one of the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944, it is expedient to authorise the increase by twenty million pounds of the limit upon the sums which the Treasury may issue out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses aforesaid.—(Mr. Key.)

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Charles MacAndrew reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

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

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

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


The House met at half an hour after Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Appropriations directions of an Act of Parliament,— in Aid, Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 13th November 1947, in pursuance of the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services) and the Department of Agriculture for Scotland (Food Production Services) respectively.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,— Copy of an Agreement signed at London on the 24th day of November 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 Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— in Aid, Copy of Regulations, dated 21st November 1947, entitled the National Health Service (Executive Councils) (Scotland) 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, dated 18th November 1947, entitled—

(1) the Potatoes (1947 Crop) (No. 2) Order (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947, and

(2) the Poultry (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Mather reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Mr. Alpass; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Rogers.

The National Assistance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Bevan, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to National Assistance [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 terminate the existing poor law and to provide in lieu thereof for the assistance of persons in need by the National Assistance Board and by local authorities, and to provide for other purposes (hereinafter referred to as "the new Act"), it is expedient to authorise:—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) Expenses (including expenses incidental to the giving of assistance) incurred by the said Board under the new Act—

(a) in giving assistance to persons over the age of sixteen whose resources (if any) which are taken into account, including any such resources of any dependants of theirs, are insufficient to meet their requirements and those of any dependants of theirs,

(b) in the provision and management of re-establishment centres and reception centres, and

(c) in making contributions to organisations maintaining such centres, and any administrative expenses of the said Board incurred under or by virtue of the new Act;

(ii) any increase attributable to the new Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament by way of salaries and allowances to the officers and servants of the said Board, and any expenses incurred under the provisions of the new Act relating to advisory committees and appeal tribunals;

(iii) contributions in respect of accommodation provided by, or by arrangement with, local authorities under the new Act, being contributions payable for not more than sixty years and of the following amounts—

(a) seven pounds ten shillings, or in Scotland eleven pounds, in respect of a single bedroom,

(b) in respect of any other bedroom, not more than six pounds ten shillings, or in Scotland nine pounds ten shillings, multiplied by the number of persons for whom the room is intended;

(iv) any expenses of a Minister incurred in the exercise of default powers conferred by the new Act;

(v) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936 which is attributable to amendments effected by the new Act in the said Act of 1936, being amendments providing that assistance grants and the value of accommodation, maintenance and services are to be left out of account in the calculation of means for the purposes of the said Act of 1936, and amendments relating to the determination of questions arising thereunder, to disqualifications for the receipt of pensions, to the date at which increases of pensions become payable, and to the suspension or resumption of pensions or their increase on a change of circumstances;

(vi) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the National Health Service Act, 1946, or the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, being an increase attributable to provisions of the new Act as to services to be rendered by local health authorities, as to ambulance services, and as to payments by Regional Hospital Boards in respect of accommodation and facilities provided in premises formerly being part of a workhouse;

(vii) compensation payable under the new Act to persons employed for the purposes of pension committees under the said Act of 1936;

(viii) the administrative expenses of any Government department incurred under the new Act.

B. The payment into the Exchequer of the amounts of reductions attributable to the new Act in the liabilities of any fund for arrears of benefits, pensions or allowances, and of the receipts under the new Act of the said Board or any Minister.—(Mr. Bevan.)

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Butcher 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.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders (Commitittal of Bills) and (Constitution of Standing Committees), Part II of the Local Government Bill which, upon the 9th day of this instant November, was committed to a Standing Committee, shall be separated from the other provisions of the Bill and shall be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills; and that when the provisions committed to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills and the provisions committed to the other Standing Committee to which the remainder of the Bill shall have been committed, have been reported to the House, the Report stage of the Bill shall be

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Local Government (Money).

Mr. Snow reported from the Committee on Local Government [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 Exchequer grants to local authorities and grants by local authorities to other local authorities or other bodies, and the law relating to rating, valuation for rating and precepts to rating authorities and, among other things, for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient—

(1) To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of a grant in any year to the council of any county or county borough in England and Wales or of any county or large burgh in Scotland, being a county, county borough or large burgh the rateable value for which in that year, calculated in accordance with the Act, is less than the standard rateable value for that county, county borough or large burgh for that year, calculated as aforesaid; so, however, that any such grant shall not exceed the relevant fraction of the amount of the difference.

In this paragraph, the expression "the relevant fraction" means the fraction arrived at by dividing the relevant local expenditure, as defined in the Act, for the year in question by the sum of the following amounts, that is to say, the aforesaid amount of the difference and the product of a rate of one pound in the pound, calculated in accordance with the Act, for the county, county borough or large burgh for that year.

(2) To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament to the council of any county or county borough in England and Wales or of any county or large burgh in Scotland—

(a) of transitional grants, calculated in accordance with the Act for the year 1948-49 and for each of the following years, in the circumstances laid down in the Act; so, however, that any such grant shall not exceed four-fifths, three-fifths, two-fifths or one-fifth, respectively, of any such grant for the year 1948-49;

(b) of a special grant, calculated in accordance with the Act, for the year 1948-49 if any part of that year falls before the appointed day for the purposes of Part II of the National Health Service Act, 1946, or, as the case may be, of Part II of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947.

(3) To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament under subsection (1) of section fifty-three of the National Health Service Act, 1946, and under subsection (1) of section fifty-three of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, to any local health authority of a sum equal to one-half of the expenditure in respect of which grants are payable under those subsections, respectively, instead of an amount to be determined by regulations made under those subsections, respectively,

(4) To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any sums required for the purpose of adjusting the grants mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Resolution by reason of any modification of the operation of the Act authorised thereunder in consequence of any alteration or combination of authorities or alteration of boundaries;

(b) of the expenses of local valuation panels and local valuation courts under the Act;

(c) of the remuneration of, and of the expenses incurred by, valuation officers under the Act, including the remuneration and expenses of persons employed to assist them;

(d) of any compensation payable under the Act to officers or servants of the Central Valuation Committee;

(e) of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Works as a consequence of the passing of the Act, including any expenses incurred by him under or by reason of any provision of the Act relating to the acquisition of premises;

(f) of benefits under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1946, payable by virtue of any provision of the Act to a person in the Civil Service of the Crown in respect of service otherwise than to the Crown; and

(g) of any administrative expenses incurred by the Minister of Health or the Secretary of State under the Act.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Viant be appointed a House of Commons Members' Fund in pursuance of section two of the Order of the day being read, for the Housing Committee on Housing (Temporary Accommodation) [Money];

Resolved, That this House will, tomorrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Question be now put:

Mr. Pearson and Mr. Richard Adams were appointed Tellers for the Yeas, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Yeas had it.
And the Question being accordingly put, That the Potatoes (Control of Supply) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2402), dated 5th November 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 13th day of this instant November, be annulled:—It passed in the Negative.

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 25th November, 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. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then fourteen minutes after Twelve of the clock, on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[No. 26.]

Tuesday, 25th November, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Paper relative to the Forestry Commission, which was presented on the 20th day of this instant November, be printed.

Mr. Glenwil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of the amount of Notes issued more than 40 years and outstanding on the 29th day of October 1947 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. Thomas Williams presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the New Forest Committee, 1947.

Mr. Thomas Williams also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1947, entitled the Progressive Verticillium Wilt of Hops 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) Huntingdon County Council.

(2) Middleton Town Council.

(3) North-West Midland Joint Electricity Authority.

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 November 1947, entitled the Edible Gelatine (Control) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 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 Rules of Court, dated 18th November 1947, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules, 1947.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Fifteen Members to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of Part II of the Local Government Bill):—Mr. Bechervaise, Mr. Albert Evans, Mr. Farthing, Captain Field, Mr. Grey, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Guy, Mr. Kinley, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McAdam, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Edward Porter and Mr. Harry Wallace.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee B, That they had appointed the following Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee B:—Mr. Attewell, Mr. Bowen, Mrs. Bradock, Mr. Champion, Sir William Darling, Mr. Stephen Davies, Mr. Elliot, Commandant, Galbraith, Mr. Guenter, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Medlicott, Mr. Oliver Poole, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Sargood, Mr. Harry Thorneycroft, Mr. Tiffany, Mr. Turton, Mr. Walker-Smith and Mrs. Wills.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee B, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the remainder of the Local Government Bill):—Mr. Alpass, Mr. Amory, Mr. Bevan, Major Bruce, Mr. Challen, Mr. John Edwards, Mr. Forman, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Gage, Mr. Gilzean, Mr. Glanville, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. David Griffis, Mr. Hale, Mr. John Henderson, Mr. Howard, Sir George Jeffreys, Mr. Asterley Jones, Mr. Lipson, Mr. Maclay, Mrs. Middleton, Mr. Percy Morris, Mr. Piratin, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Mr. Shurner, Mr. Timmons, Mr. George Wallace, Mr. West, Colonel Wheeler and Mr. Secretary Woodburn.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee C, That they had appointed the following Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee C:—Mr. Blyton, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Holman, Lieutenant-Commander Hutchinson, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Law, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Messer, Mr. Nield, Mr. Emrys Roberts, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Viant, Mr. Watkins and Sir Harold Webbe.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee C, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the National Assistance Bill):—Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Birch,
Statutory Rules and Orders, &c.


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

Your Committee have considered the Draft of the Harlyn Bay (Cornwall) Coast Protection Order, 1947, copies of which were presented on the 12th day of this instant November, and are of the opinion that there are no grounds 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 Registration of Employment Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2409), a copy of which was presented on the 11th day of this instant November, and are of the opinion that the room is intended, and that its form and purport call for elucidation.

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

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the 30th day of October last, was made from 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)—(Mr. Whiteley);

The House divided.

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

 Tellers for the [ Mr. Simmons, 238.
    Mr. Richard Adams ; ]

 Tellers for the [ Commander Agnew, 116.
    Mr. Studholme : ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on National Assistance [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to terminate the existing poor law and to provide for the assistance of persons in need by the National Assistance Board and by local authorities, and to provide for other purposes (hereinafter referred to as "the new Act"), it is expedient to authorise:

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) Expenses (including expenses incidental to the giving of assistance) incurred by the said Board under the new Act—

(a) in giving assistance to persons over the age of sixteen whose resources (if any) which are taken into account, including any such resources of any dependants of theirs, are insufficient to meet their requirements and those of any dependants of theirs,

(b) in the provision and management of re-establishment centres and reception centres, and

(c) in making contributions to organisations maintaining such centres,

and any administrative expenses of the said Board incurred under or by virtue of the new Act;

(ii) any increase attributable to the new Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament by way of salaries and allowances to the officers and servants of the said Board, and any expenses incurred under the provisions of the new Act relating to advisory committees and appeal tribunals;

(iii) contributions in respect of accommodation provided by, or by arrangement with, local authorities under the new Act, being contributions payable for not more than sixty years and of the following amounts—

(a) seven pounds ten shillings, or in Scotland eleven pounds, in respect of a single bedroom,

(b) in respect of any other bedroom, not more than six pounds ten shillings, or in Scotland nine pounds ten shillings, multiplied by the number of persons for whom the room is intended;

(iv) any expenses of a Minister incurred in the exercise of default powers conferred by the new Act;

(v) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936 which is attributable to amendments effected by the new Act in the said Act of 1936, being amendments providing that assistance grants and the value of accommodation, maintenance and services are to be left out of account in the calculation of means for the purposes of the said Act of 1936, and amendments relating to the determination of questions arising thereunder, to disqualifications for the receipt of pensions, to the date at which increases of pensions become payable, and to the suspension or resumption of pensions or their increase on a change of circumstances;

(vi) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the National Health Service Act, 1946, or the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, being an increase attributable to provisions of the new Act as to services to be rendered by local health authorities, as to ambulance services, and as to payments,
by Regional Hospital Boards in respect of accommodation and facilities provided in premises formerly being part of a workhouse;

(vii) compensation payable under the new Act to persons employed for the purposes of pension committees under the said Act of 1936;

(viii) the administrative expenses of any Government department incurred under the new Act.

B. The payment into the Exchequer of the amounts of reductions attributable to the new Act in the liabilities of any fund for arrears of benefits, pensions or allowances, and of the receipts under the new Act of the said Board or any Minister.

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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Housing (Temporary Accommodation) [Money].

(Ordained.)

Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the sums available for defraying expenses incurred by the Minister of Works under section one of the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944, it is expedient to authorise the increase by twenty million pounds of the limit upon the sums which the Treasury may issue out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses aforesaid.

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.

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

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

Wednesdy, 26th November, 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 Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Local Government Bill (except Part II) to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker yesterday appointed Mr. Bowles Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Local Government Bill (except Part II); Mr. Butcher Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the National Assistance Bill; and Mr. Mathers Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Local Government Bill, Part II.

[No. 27.]

Wednesday, 26th November, 1947.

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

THE Clerk, at the Table, informed the House Mr. Speaker's absence of the absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting:—Whereupon Major Milner, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Cultural Convention between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Czechoslovak Government (with Notes exchanged), signed at London on the 16th day of June 1947 (Ratifications exchanged at Prague on the 15th day of October 1947).

Copy of a Monetary Agreement between His Treaty Series Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Belgium, signed at London on the 14th day of November 1947.

Copy of a Protocol between the Governments Treaty Series of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the French Republic and the Republic of Austria relating to the Restitution of the United Kingdom, the United States of (No. 83, 1947) Austria of Monetary Gold looted by Germany, signed at London on the 4th day of November 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to directions of an Act of Parliament,—Supplies and Services of Lands (Cultivation) (Ratifications exchanged at Prague on the 15th day of October 1947).

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd November 1947, entitled the Cultivation of Lands (Scotland) (Scotland).

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of three Statutes made by the University of Oxford, one on the 24th day of June 1947.
and two on the 8th day of July 1947, amending the Statutes of the University.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report of a Court of Inquiry under the Industrial Courts Act, 1919, into the causes and circumstances of a dispute between the Savoy Hotel Limited and Members of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers.

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 Metropolitan South-Eastern Area (Conservation of Water) 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).—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion being made, That, during the absence of the Deputy Chairman owing to temporary indisposition, Sir Robert Young shall be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the Deputy Chairman, including his powers as Deputy Speaker.—(The Prime Minister).

The Prime Minister, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion, gives His Consent thereto.

And the Question being put ; Resolved, That, during the absence of the Deputy Chairman owing to temporary indisposition, Sir Robert Young shall be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the Deputy Chairman, including his powers as Deputy Speaker.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ceylon Independence Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.
First and Second Schedules 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

The Pensions (Governors of Dominions &c.) Bill, was according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Housing (Temporary Accommodation) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the sums available for defraying expenses incurred by the Minister of Works under section one of the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944, it is expedient to authorise the increase by twenty million pounds of the limit upon the sums which the Treasury may issue out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses aforesaid.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Increase of sums available for defraying expenses of Minister of Works under section one of the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944), it is

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, at the end, to add the words—

"(2) The Minister of Works shall, not later than the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and each six months thereafter, until the completion of the temporary housing programme, lay before Parliament a progress report showing, inter alia, the average cost of each completed type of temporary house within the previous six months and an explanation of any variation of costs which has occurred since the previous report."—(Commander Galbraith.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Deputy Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

JAMES MILNER,
Deputy Speaker.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Feeding Stuffs (Rationing) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., No. 1990), dated 13th September, 1947 a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of October last, be annulled—(Mr. Niall Macpherson);

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

Tellers for the

Mr. Niall Macpherson, 82.
Sir John Barlow:

Tellers for the

Mr. Simmons, 211.
Mr. Wilkins:

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.  

—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Deputy Speaker this day allocated the National Assistance Bill to Standing Committee C.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd November, 1947, entitled the Companies Act (Commencement) Order, 1947.

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


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Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Services (Food), an Order, dated 24th November, 1947, entitled the Establishments (Christmas Turkeys) 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:—Mrs. Braddock and Mr. Lee; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Mitchellson and Mr. Pargiter.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the National Assistance Bill):—Mr. George Thomas; and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Braddock.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision as to the application and modification of enactments in relation to mandates of the League of Nations and the trusteeship system of the United Nations; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act 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; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

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

SIR RICHARD THOMAS DYE AICLAND, Baronet,  
New Member for the County of Kent (Gravesend Division), was sworn.

Sir Richard Thomas Dyce Aycland, Baronet,  
New Member for the County of Kent (Gravesend Division), was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill; Justice 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. Snow.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
[No. 29.]

Friday, 28th November, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

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HE Clerk, at the Table, informed the House of the absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting:—Whereupon Major Milner, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Financial Agreement, signed at Bagdad on the 17th day of November 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Iraq supplementary to the Agreement of the 13th day of August, 1947.

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

Cotton.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copies of Regulations, dated 25th November 1947, entitled—

1. the Raw Cotton Commission Regulations, 1947, and
2. the Raw Cotton (Records and Information) Regulations, 1947.

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Copy of an Order, dated 24th November 1947, entitled the Control of Wool (No. 37) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 certain Conventions and Recommendations adopted at the 28th (Maritime) Session of the International Labour Conference, 1946.

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

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

1. Account showing the Receipts and Payments of the Cinematograph Fund during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
2. Account of the Advances made under Part II 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 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
3. Account of the Moneys received and expended by the Ministry of Fuel and Power under the Petroleum (Production) Act, 1934, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
4. Account of the Advances made under Part II of the Criminal Justice Bill.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Cinematograph Fund and Merchant Shipping be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the Criminal Justice Bill be now read a second time:

And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put; Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. 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 Criminal Justice [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 abolish penal servitude, hard labour, prison divisions and sentence of whipping; to amend the law relating to the probation of offenders, and otherwise to reform existing methods and provide new methods for dealing with offenders and persons liable to imprisonment; and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the
payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any expenses of the Secretary of State under the said Act, and of any expenses of the Prison Commissioners thereunder, and of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the training of probation officers, and officers or servants serving in approved probation hostels or approved probation homes as defined in the said Act, or in remand homes or approved schools, and in the training of persons for appointment as probation officers or as such officers or servants as aforesaid;

(b) of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Health or by the Board of Control in connection with asylums and places appointed for the purposes of the Criminal Lunatic Asylums Act, 1860;

(c) of any sums by which grants payable in pursuance of regulations made under subsection (1) of section sixty-seven of the National Health Service Act, 1946, for the purposes of superannuation benefits to officers engaged in health services are increased by reason of any provision of the said Act of the present Session enabling such regulations to be made for the purpose of granting superannuation benefits to officers employed in asylums and places appointed as aforesaid;

(d) of such sums as the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, direct to be paid—

(i) towards expenditure incurred by local authorities, as defined in the said Act of the present Session, in meeting the expenses of probation committees in connection with the probation and supervision of offenders and the supervision of children and young persons; and towards the expenditure out of the metropolitan police fund in connection with such probation and supervision as aforesaid;

(ii) towards expenditure incurred by any society or person approved by the Secretary of State in the establishment, enlargement, improvement and carrying on of approved probation hostels or approved probation homes;

(iii) towards expenditure incurred by any body approved by the Secretary of State in the training of probation officers and of persons for appointment as probation officers;

(iv) towards expenditure incurred by any body approved by the Secretary of State in the training of officers or servants serving in any place in which offenders or persons awaiting trial may be detained or serving in approved probation hostels or homes, and of persons for appointment as such officers or servants;

(v) towards the expenditure incurred by any society engaged in supervising or assisting persons released from a prison or Borstal institution or a detention centre as defined in the said Act; not exceeding, in the case of any such expenditure as is mentioned in sub-

paragraph (i) of this paragraph, 50 per cent. of that expenditure; and

(e) of any sums by which grants under section one hundred and four of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, towards the expenses of county councils and county borough councils, or by which grants under section one hundred of the Education Act, 1944, towards the expenses of local education authorities, are increased by reason of any provision of the said Act of the present Session; and the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Secretary of State under the said Act of the present session.—

(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.

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

Committee of Supply;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Disclosure of Confidential Information.

Resolved, That the disclosure and publication of confidential information about matters to be proceeded with in Parliament, any person responsible for offering such payment shall incur the grave displeasure of this House; and if such person shall be the representative of a newspaper or of a press agency, that person and any other representative of the same newspaper or agency shall, if the House think fit, be excluded from the precincts of this House, until this House shall otherwise determine;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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

(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

I have to report that I have performed the duty imposed on me by the Resolution of the House and that I visited Caen yesterday and was asked by the Rector to convey the University's warm thanks to the House of Commons. The Prefect of the District and the Mayor of Caen also spoke and wished me to express their admiration for the House of Commons.

I have two other matters which I promised to report because it was made quite plain that these were acts of friendship and regard for the House of Commons. The first was the demonstration and applause of the whole Assembly which was accorded to me when my presence was announced and I should like to hand in for record in our Journals the official extract of the words spoken by M. Herriot and the Acting Foreign Secretary, the President of the Republic, in the presence of M. Herriot and the Acting Foreign Secretary, the President of the Republic, in the presence of M. Herriot and the Acting Foreign Secretary, the President of the Republic.

I cannot adequately express my appreciation of all the great hospitality that I received in Paris and of the great distinction conferred on me.

Ordered, That the said Extract be entered in the Journal of this House:—And the said Extract is as follows:

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Rèvre Législature—Session de 1947
Extrait du Procès-Verbal
de la Séance du Jeudi 27 Novembre 1947

M. le Président.—Mes chers collègues, nous avons l'honneur de recevoir aujourd'hui, dans notre enceinte, M. le Colonel Clifton Brown, président de la Chambre des Communes. (Les députés se lèvent et applaudissent longuement.)

Il y a quelques jours, le peuple français s'associait à une joie de la famille royale d'Angleterre et saisissait cette occasion de lui témoigner son respect.

Aujourd'hui, c'est à vous, monsieur le speaker, que nous adressons l'expression de notre amitié pour votre personne, pour la Chambre des Communes, pour le Parlement et tout le grand peuple britannique. (Vifs applaudissements sur tous les bancs.)

M. Robert Schuman, président du conseil.—Je demande la parole.

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improvement and development of agriculture in Scotland; enactments relating to agricultural holdings referred to as "the Act") to amend the enactments relating to agricultural holdings in Scotland; to make further provision for the improvement and development of agriculture and the use of agricultural land in Scotland; to authorise the making of grants towards the provision of houses and buildings for landholders and cottars in the Highlands and Islands, and to extend the time for making applications for assistance under the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, it is expedient to authorise:—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses of the Secretary of State incurred under the Act—

(i) in securing good estate management and good husbandry;
(ii) in acquiring land by agreement or compulsorily, and whether by way of purchase or taking possession;
(iii) in managing, farming or otherwise dealing with land acquired by him as aforesaid, and in providing facilities for tenants and workers on land managed by him;
(iv) in providing and in adapting, equipping and managing holdings of an area not exceeding seventy-five acres or holdings the annual rent of which does not exceed one hundred and fifty pounds; in making loans for providing working capital for tenants of holdings provided on land vested in the Secretary of State not exceeding three-quarters of the estimated amount of such capital; and in making grants or loans to bodies promoting by co-operative methods the efficient conduct of holdings;
(v) in making grants towards the erection, improvement or rebuilding of dwelling-houses or other buildings for landholders and cottars in the Highlands and Islands;
(vi) in respect of the prevention of damage to agriculture by animals and birds;
(vii) in providing agricultural goods and services;
(viii) in defraying the expenses of the Agricultural Executive Committees established under the Act and of sub-committees of the said Committees, in paying allowances to the members of such Committees or sub-committees, and in defraying the expenses of the Agricultural Advisory Committees established under the Act.

B. The payment into the Exchequer of sums received under the Act by the Secretary of State or by any person or body of persons exercising functions on his behalf.

C. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenditure attributable to—

(i) any provision of the Act increasing from five pounds to ten pounds for each acre of agricultural land benefited the maximum limit to the cost of works of minor arterial drainage in respect of which a grant may be paid under section twenty-nine of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940;
(ii) any provision of the Act extending by five years the period for making applications for assistance under the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938;
(iii) any provision of the Act whereby additional areas are to be deemed to be congested districts for the purposes of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1919, in respect of the salaries of members of the Scottish Land Court arising by reason of the appointment of additional members under the Act, and the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase so arising in the expenditure incurred under the Scottish Land Court Act, 1938, in respect of pensions of such members.

D. The charging on and payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums charged on and payable out of that Fund under section three of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act, 1911, in respect of the salaries of members of the Scottish Land Court arising by reason of the appointment of additional members under the Act, and the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase so arising in the expenditure incurred under the Scottish Land Court Act, 1938, in respect of pensions of such members.

E. The application of any balance in the Agriculture (Scotland) Fund at the date of the winding up thereof under the Act in repayment of loans made by the Public Works Loan Commissioners under section twenty-six of the Land Settlement (Scotland) Act, 1919, the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums which apart from the Act would be authorised to be paid out of that Fund, and the payment into the Exchequer of any sums which apart from the Act would be authorised to be paid into that Fund and of any remainder in that Fund after the repayment of loans as aforesaid. (Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

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 Ways and Means

(Agriculture (Scotland).

Resolved, That, where under any Act of the present Session to amend the enactments relating to agricultural holdings in Scotland; to make further provision for the improvement and development of agriculture and the use of agricultural land in Scotland; to authorise the making of grants towards the provision of houses and buildings for landholders and cottars in the Highlands and Islands, and to extend the time for making applications for assistance under the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, the Secretary of State takes possession of land for the purpose of farming it, the enactments relating to income tax shall apply in relation to payments made by the Secretary of State or by a person entrusted by him with the farming thereof, as if the Secretary of State or such person were a tenant, the recipient of the payments were a lessor and the payments were rent. (Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Popplewell).

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to which their Reference had been directed, and that they had left the Bill to be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Criminal Justice Bill to Standing Committee A.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Charles MacAndrew Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill.

[No. 31.]
Tuesday, 2nd December, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

Death of a Member.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—I regret to have to inform the House of the death of William Foster, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Wigan, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

Mr. Secretary 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 Crosby,
(2) the Urban District of Frinton and Walton,
(3) the Borough of Glastonbury,
(4) the Borough of Guildford,
(5) the Rural District of Hungerford, and
(6) the Urban District of Wigston.

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 (No. 6900), dated 26th November 1947, authorising the landing of Friesian Cattle from the Netherlands.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords.

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The New Zealand Constitution (Amendment) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by the Prime Minister and Mr. Herbert Morrison, presented a Bill to provide for the salary of an Economic Secretary to the Treasury, and to render the holder of that office capable of being elected to, and of sitting and voting in, the House of Commons: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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

Clause Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Mr. Speaker further acquainted the House, that a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the provisions of the Principal Act relating to the consent of the Minister of Agriculture for the exportation of food produced in the Commonwealth, and for other purposes, was laid before the House, and was ordered by the House to be read the first time on Tuesday, 2nd December, 1947.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—I regret to have to inform the House of the death of William Foster, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Wigan, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

Mr. Secretary 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 Crosby,
(2) the Urban District of Frinton and Walton,
(3) the Borough of Glastonbury,
(4) the Borough of Guildford,
(5) the Rural District of Hungerford, and
(6) the Urban District of Wigston.

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Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 3, to leave out the word "one-third," and insert the word "one-quarter."—[Mr. Turtton.]

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words "or drugs or medicines manufactured or prepared."—[Mr. Selwyn Lloyd.]

Question put, That those words be there inserted:—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Drewe, 
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 
Mr. Hannan:

Tellers for the Noes, 
Major Conant:

131. 278.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words "or batteries or accumulators used in wireless sets which cannot be operated by an electric mains supply."—[Mr. Charles Taylor.]

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words "or knitted stockinette (mutton) cleaning cloth."—[Mr. John Lewis.]

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words "or toilet preparations."—[Sir Thomas Moore.]

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

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words:—

"Provided that this section shall not apply in the case of any trade or business the profits of which consist solely of income received by way of fixed dividends, interests or other periodical payments made under an agreement entered into before the first day of January nineteen hundred and forty-seven."—[Mr. Assheton.]

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 45, to leave out the word "fifteen," and insert the word "twenty."—[Mr. Eccles.]

Question put, That the word "fifteen" stand part of the Clause:—

The Committee divided.

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. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on National Assistance [Money], that the Committee had report, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to terminate the existing poor law and to provide in lieu thereof for the assistance of persons in need by the National Assistance Board and by local authorities, and to provide for other purposes (hereinafter referred to as "the new Act"), it is expedient to authorise:—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) Expenses (including expenses incidental to the giving of assistance) incurred by the said Board under the new Act—

(a) in giving assistance to persons over the age of sixteen whose resources (if any) which are taken into account, including any such resources of any dependants of theirs, are insufficient to meet their requirements and those of any dependants of theirs,

(b) in the provision and management of re-establishment centres and reception centres, and

(c) in making contributions to organisations maintaining such centres, and any administrative expenses of the said Board incurred under or by virtue of the new Act;

(ii) any increase attributable to the new Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament by way of salaries and allowances to the officers and servants of the said Board, and any expenses incurred under the provisions of the new Act relating to advisory committees and appeal tribunals;

(iii) contributions in respect of accommodation provided by, or by arrangement with, local authorities under the new Act, being contributions payable for not more than sixty years and of the following amounts—

(a) seven pounds ten shillings, or in Scotland eleven pounds, in respect of a single bedroom,

(b) in respect of any other bedroom, not more than six pounds ten shillings, or in Scotland nine pounds ten shillings, multiplied by the number of persons for whom the room is intended;

(iv) any expenses of a Minister incurred in the exercise of default powers conferred by the new Act;
2nd December.

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

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to abolish penal servitude, hard labour, prison divisions and sentence of whipping; hard labour, prison divisions and sentence of the present Session to abolish penal servitude, it is expedient to authorise

(a) of any expenses of the Secretary of State under the said Act, and of any expenses of the Prison Commissioners thereunder, and of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the training of probation officers, and officers or servants serving in approved probation hostel or approved probation homes as defined in the said Act, or in remand homes or approved schools, and in the training of persons for appointment as probation officers or as such officers or servants as aforesaid;

(b) of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Health or by the Board of Control in connection with asylums and places appointed for the purposes of the Criminal Lunatic Asylums Act, 1860;

(c) of any sums by which grants payable in pursuance of regulations made under subsection (1) of section sixty-seven of the National Health Service Act, 1946, for the purposes of superannuation benefits to officers engaged in health services are increased by reason of any provision of the said Act of the present Session enabling such regulations to be made for the purpose of granting superannuation benefits to officers employed in asylums and places appointed as aforesaid;

(d) of such sums as the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, direct to be paid—

(i) towards expenditure incurred by local authorities, as defined in the said Act of the present Session, in meeting the expenses of probation committees in connection with the probation and supervision of offenders and the supervision of children and young persons; and towards the expenditure out of the metropolitan police fund in connection with such probation and supervision as aforesaid;

(ii) towards expenditure incurred by any society approved by the Secretary of State in the training of probation officers and of persons for appointment as probation officers;

(iii) towards expenditure incurred by any body approved by the Secretary of State in the training of probation officers and of persons for appointment as such officers or servants;

(iv) towards expenditure incurred by any body approved by the Secretary of State in the training of officers or servants serving in any place in which offenders or persons awaiting trial may be detained or serving in approved probation hostel or homes; and of persons for appointment as such officers or servants;

(v) towards the expenditure incurred by any society engaged in supervising or assisting persons released from a prison or Borstal institution or a detention centre as defined in the said Act; not exceeding, in the case of any such expenditure, as is mentioned in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, 50 per cent. of that expenditure; and

(e) of any sums by which grants under section one hundred and four of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, towards the expenses of county councils and county borough councils, or by which grants under section one hundred of the Education Act, 1944, towards the expenses of local education authorities, are increased by reason of any provision of the said Act of the present Session; and the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Secretary of State under the said Act of the present Session.

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

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

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

[No. 32.]

Wednesday, 3rd December, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of Government Action in Wales and Monmouthshire for the year ended the 30th day of June 1947.

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

Mr. Gwili Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st December 1947, entitled the Biscuits (Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) 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 between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Colombia for Air Services between and beyond their respective Territories, signed at Bogota on the 16th day of October 1947 (with Annex, Schedules and Notes exchanged) (The Agreement not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.)

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 Dumfries 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. Betan 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:—

(2) Bingley Urban District Council.
(3) Stretford and District Gas Board.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Gas (Special directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of a Special Order proposed to be made under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Goole.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee Selection of Standing Committees), that they had added the following Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill) : Mr. Committee A. Richard Adams, Mr. Benson, Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Corbett, Viscountess Davidson, Secretary Ede, Mr. Peter Freeman, Mr. Gage, Mr. Gallacher, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hogge, Mr. Emrys Hughes, Mr. Hector Hughes, Wing Commander Hubert, Mr. Henry Hynd, Mr. Janner, Mr. John Lewis, Mr. Linstead, Mr. McGovern, Captain Marsden, Sir Thomas Moore, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Nield, Mr. Paget, Mr. Renton, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Mr. Edward Smith, Dr. Stross, Mr. Frederick Willey and Mr. Younger.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C : Mr. Boardman and Mr. Emrys Roberts; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Stamford and Mr. Wadsworth.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C added in respect of the National Assistance Bill) : Mr. Gallacher, Mr. Emrys Hughes and Mr. Willis; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Kendal, Mr. William Paling and Mr. Symonds.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Alexander, Mr. Key and Mr. Gwili Hall, presented a Bill to continue certain provisions of the Requisitioned Land and War Works Act, 1945, to make permanent certain other provisions thereof, and otherwise to amend that Act ; to amend the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939, as respects compensation for the taking of possession of land ; to make further provision, by the amendment of those Acts and otherwise, with respect to the maintenance and use of certain oil-pipe lines and the compensation therefor ; 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. Price presented a Bill to confirm a Sutton's Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity called Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse, in the County of London; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)
Ordered, That if the Ministers of the Crown (Treasury Secretaries) Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House further Proceeding on the Bill shall stand postponed; that any Resolution come to by the Committee on Ministers of the Crown (Treasury Secretaries) [Money] may be reported and considered forthwith notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Money Committees); and that as soon as the proceedings on Report of the Resolution have been concluded the House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Finance Bill.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 7 (Increase in profits tax rates).—Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 49, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that in the said subsection (2) when the difference or any part thereof represents sums paid or set aside for the amortization of leasehold interests in land or of other wasting assets calculated upon an actuarial basis the reduction shall instead of being an amount equal to fifteen per cent. be an amount equal to twenty per cent. of the said difference or of the part thereof as the case may be."—(Sir John Mellor.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 6, to leave out from the word " shall," to the end of the subsection, and add the words " have effect from the thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven."—(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. Popplewell: 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Commander Agnew, Major Conant: 135.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Interest on unpaid income tax, profits tax and excess profits tax).—Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 16, to leave out from the word " date," to the end of the line, and insert the words " when the assessment or direction becomes final and conclusive."—(Major Haughton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 24, to leave out the word " unless."—(Major Haughton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 26, to leave out the words " one thousand," and insert the words " three hundred."—(Mr. Walter Fletcher.)

Question, That the words " one thousand " stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 27, to leave out the word " one," and insert the word " five."—(Mr. Selwyn Lloyd.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 2, to leave out from the word " direction," to the end of the line.—(Major Haughton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 37, to leave out from the word " section," to the word " shall," in l. 38.—(Mr. Selwyn Lloyd.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 1, to leave out subsection (7).—(Mr. Selwyn Lloyd.)

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. 12, at the end, to add the words—

" (8) The Commissioners of Inland Revenue may withdraw any claim in respect of interest payable that non-payment of the tax or delay in payment of the tax was due to delays in computing the tax which were beyond the control of that person."—(Major Haughton.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Advertising expenses).—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause disagreed to.

Clause No. 10 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Diamond reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Ministers of the Crown (Treasury Secretaries) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Further Proceeding stood postponed, pursuant to the Order of the House this day.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Ministers of the Crown (Treasury Secretaries) [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
salary of an Economic Secretary to the Treasury, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament to any such Secretary of an annual salary not exceeding two thousand pounds.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Robert Young reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Pearson accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the salary of an Economic Secretary to the Treasury, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament to any such Secretary of an annual salary not exceeding two thousand pounds.

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

The House, pursuant to the Order of the House this day, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ministers of the Crown (Treasury Secretaries) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time and passed.

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

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

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time and passed.

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

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Simmons.)

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Notice was given this day that Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Agriculture (Scotland) Bill was a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill would be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.

[No. 33.]

Thursday, 4th December, 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 Poisons, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 28th November 1947, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1947. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Mexico (No. 1, Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence 1947) incorporating the Texts of the Agreement between the Government of Mexico and the Mexican Eagle Oil Company regarding compensation to be paid in respect of expropriated petroleum industrial properties, signed at Mexico City on the 29th day of August 1947.
Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the United States of America supplementary to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, signed at Geneva on the 30th day of October 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, dated 29th November 1947, entitled—
1. the Citrus Fruit Order, 1945 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947, and
2. the Milk (Control and Maximum Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.

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

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

Copy of Rules, dated 27th November 1947, entitled the Supreme Court Funds Rules, 1947.


Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill): Wing Commander Hulbert ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Manningham-Buller.

Mr. Burden reported from Standing Committee A, That they had discharged Mr. Herbert Morrison from Standing Committee A, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Manningham-Buller.

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 Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) (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.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 5, to leave out from the word "effect" to the word "as," in l. 8, and insert the words "with regard to any Bill introduced after the passing of this Act."—(Mr. James Reid.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Hannan : 271.
Mr. Simmons : 276.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Drew : 250.
Major Comyns : 250.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out the words "one year," and insert the words "six months."—(Mr. Parker.)

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

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) (Money).
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Robert Young reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Agriculture (Scotland) [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 amend the enactments relating to agricultural holdings in Scotland;

to make further provision for the improvement and development of agriculture and the use of agricultural land in Scotland;

to authorise the making of grants towards the provision of houses and buildings for landholders and cottars in the Highlands and Islands and to extend the time for making applications for assistance under the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, it is expedient to authorise:

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses of the Secretary of State incurred under the Act—

(i) in securing good estate management and good husbandry;

(ii) in acquiring land by agreement or compulsorily, and whether by way of purchase or taking possession;

(iii) in managing, farming or otherwise dealing with land acquired by him as aforesaid, and in providing facilities for tenants and workers on land managed by him;

(iv) in providing and in adapting, equipping and managing holdings of an area not exceeding seventy-five acres or holdings the annual rent of which does not exceed one hundred and fifty pounds; in making loans for providing working capital for tenants of holdings provided on land vested in the Secretary of State not exceeding three-quarters of the estimated amount of such capital; and in making grants or loans to bodies promoting by co-operative methods the efficient conduct of holdings;

(v) in making grants towards the erection, improvement or sub-division of dwelling-houses or other buildings for landholders and cottars in the Highlands and Islands;

(vi) in respect of the prevention of damage to agriculture by animals and birds;

(vii) in providing agricultural goods and services;

(viii) in defraying the expenses of the Agricultural Executive Committees established under the Act and of sub-committees of the said Committees, in paying allowances to the members of such Committees or sub-committees, and in defraying the expenses of the Agricultural Advisory Committees established under the Act.

B. The payment into the Exchequer of sums received under the Act by the Secretary of State or by any person or body of persons exercising functions on his behalf.

C. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenditure attributable to—

(i) any provision of the Act increasing from five pounds to ten pounds for each acre of agricultural land benefited the maximum limit to the cost of works of minor arterial drainage in respect of which a grant may be paid under section twenty-nine of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940;

(ii) any provision of the Act extending by five years the period for making applications for assistance under the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938;

(iii) any provision of the Act whereby additional areas are to be deemed to be congested districts for the purposes of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897.

D. The charging on and payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums charged on and payable out of that Fund under section three of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act, 1911, in respect of the salaries of members of the Scottish Land Court arising by reason of the appointment of additional members under the Act, and the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase so arising in the expenditure incurred under the Scottish Land Court Act, 1938, in respect of pensions of such members.

E. The application of any balance in the Agriculture (Scotland) Fund at the date of the winding up thereof under the Act in repayment of loans made by the Public Works Loan Commissioners under section twenty-six of the Land Settlement (Scotland) Act, 1929, the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums which apart from the Act would be authorised to be paid out of that Fund, and the payment into the Exchequer of any sums which apart from the Act would be authorised to be paid into that Fund and of any remainder in that Fund after the repayment of loans as aforesaid.

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Ways and Means of the 1st day of December, a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

Agriculture (Scotland).

That, where under any Act of the present Session to amend the enactments relating to agricultural holdings in Scotland, to make further provision for the improvement and development of agriculture and
the use of agricultural land in Scotland; to authorise the making of grants towards the provision of houses and buildings for landholders and cottars in the Highlands and Islands, and to extend the time for making applications for assistance under the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, the Secretary of State takes possession of land for the purpose of farming it, the enactments relating to income tax shall apply in relation to payments made by the Secretary of State or by a person entrusted by him with the farming thereof, as if the Secretary of State or such person were a tenant, the recipient of the payments were a 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 Acts, 1932, to the Borough of Crosby, a copy of which Order was presented on the 2nd day of this instant December, be approved. — (Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Acts, 1932, to the Urban District of Frinton and Walton, a copy of which Order was presented on the 2nd day of this instant December, be approved. — (Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Acts, 1932, to the Borough of Glastonbury, a copy of which Order was presented on the 2nd day of this instant December, be approved. — (Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Acts, 1932, to the Rural District of Hungerford, a copy of which Order was presented on the 2nd day of this instant December, be approved. — (Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Acts, 1932, to the Urban District of Wigston, a copy of which Order was presented on the 2nd day of this instant December, be approved. — (Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Mr. Hannan.)

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

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[No. 34.]

• Friday, 5th December, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Medical Practitioners and Pharmacists Medical Bill [Lords] 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 Public Works Loans Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Jones, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Public Works Loans [Remission of Debt], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, 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 relating to local loans, it is expedient to authorise the remission of all arrears of interest due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners in respect of a loan to Alexander Fowlie and Mary Ann Fowlie. — (Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and Sir Robert Young reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Mandated and Trust Territories Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Jones, by His Majesty’s Mandated and Trust Territories Bill [Lords] Mandated and Trust Territories Bill [Lords],

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. Secretary Jones, by His Majesty’s Mandated and Trust Territories Bill [Lords],

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. Secretary Jones, by His Majesty’s Mandated and Trust Territories Bill [Lords],
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 as to the application and modification of enactments in relation to mandates of the League of Nations and the trusteeship system of the United Nations, it is expedient to authorise the imposition of any charge on public funds which may result from any provision made by the said Act—

(a) as to the manner in which enactments are to apply, or may be modified, where a territory becomes a trust territory, or a change in the authority responsible for administering a trust territory takes place on its becoming a trust territory or while it is a trust territory; or

(b) as to the effect, since the termination of the League of Nations, of references in enactments to mandated territories; including any provision made as aforesaid with retrospective effect from any date not earlier than that of the termination of the League of Nations.—[Mr. Ress-Williams.]

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Robert Young 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 the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mandated and Trust Territories.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present session to make provision as to the application and modification of enactments in relation to mandates of the League of Nations and the trusteeship system of the United Nations, it is expedient to authorise the imposition of any charge on the people which may result from any provision made by the said Act—

(a) as to the manner in which enactments are to apply, or may be modified, where a territory becomes a trust territory, or a change in the authority responsible for administering a trust territory takes place on its becoming a trust territory or while it is a trust territory; or

(b) as to the effect, since the termination of the League of Nations, of references in enactments to mandated territories; including any provision made as aforesaid with retrospective effect from any date not earlier than that of the termination of the League of Nations.—[Mr. Ress-Williams.]

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

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

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

[No. 35.]

Monday, 8th December, 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 Government Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of October 1947, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant Local to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Government Superannuation (Civil Staffs).

Copy of a Scheme made by the Falkirk 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. Wilson presented, pursuant to the Goods and directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Services (Price Control).

Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 1st December 1947, entitled the Pencils (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947,

(2) dated 1st December 1947, entitled the Photographic Film (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1947,

(3) dated 1st December 1947, entitled the P.V.C. Sheeting (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947,

(4) dated 1st December 1947, entitled the Rubber Footwear (Maximum Prices) (No. 3) Order, 1947, and

(5) dated 2nd December 1947, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 9) Order, 1947.
Supplies and Services (Apparel and Textiles).

Copies of Directions, dated 2nd December 1947, entitled—
(1) the Fur Apparel (No. 12) Directions, 1947,
(2) the Upholstery Cloth (Utility) (No. 12) Directions, 1947, and
(3) the Lace and Woven Curtain Net (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Directions, 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 (No. 6902), dated 29th November 1947, authorising the landing of three bison at Avonmouth.

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

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


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

Supplies and Services (Food).

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 2nd December 1947, entitled the Meals in Establishments Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947,
(2) dated 3rd December 1947, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1947, and
(3) dated 3rd December 1947, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947.

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

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be suspended, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

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

Tellers for the

Mr. Simons, 199.

Mr. Richard Adams :

Mr. Drew, 88.

Commander Agnew :

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The New Zealand Constitution (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

An Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 16, by leaving out from the word “ date ” to the end of the line, and inserting the words “ when the assessment or direction becomes final and conclusive ”—(Mr. Eccles),—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. 6, by leaving out ll. 14 to 31.—(Mr. Stanley.)

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. 7, l. 12, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

" (5) The Commissioners of Inland Revenue may withdraw any claim in respect of interest on proof by the person by whom the tax is payable that non-payment of the tax or delay in payment of the tax was due to delays which were beyond the control of that person.”—(Major Haughton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill.—It passed in the Negative.

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

Mr. Pearson reported, from the Committee on Mandated and Trust Territories [Money], a Resolution ; which was read, as followeth :

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present session to make provision as to the application and modification of enactments in relation to mandates of the League of Nations and the trusteeship system of the United Nations, it is expedient to authorise the imposition of any charge on public funds which may result from any provision made by the said Act—

(a) as to the manner in which enactments are to apply, or may be modified, where a territory becomes a trust territory, or a change in the authority responsible for administering a trust territory takes place on its becoming a trust territory or while it is a trust territory ; or

(b) as to the effect, since the termination of the League of Nations, of references in enactments to mandated territories; including any provision made as aforesaid with retrospective effect from any date not earlier than that of the termination of the League of Nations.

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

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 5th day of this instant December, a Resolution ; which was read, as followeth :

Mandated and Trust Territories.

That, for the purposes of any Act of the Mandated and Trust Territories present session to make provision as to the application and modification of enactments in

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relation to mandates of the League of Nations and the trusteeship system of the United Nations, it is expedient to authorise the imposition of any charge on the people which may result from any provision made by the said Act—

(a) as to the manner in which enactments are to apply, or may be modified, where a territory becomes a trust territory, or a change in the authority responsible for administering a trust territory takes place on its becoming a trust territory or while it is a trust territory; or

(b) as to the effect, since the termination of the League of Nations, of references in enactments to mandated territories; including any provision made as aforesaid with retrospective effect from any date not earlier than that of the termination of the League of Nations.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Mandated and Trust Territories Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1936, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under the said Acts or under the Superannuation Acts, being an increase attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(a) enabling a Governor to retire on pension at the age of fifty-five instead of the age of sixty;

(b) increasing the amount of a Governor's pension by not more than one pound for each month's service of any Class (including service already rendered by a Governor now in office);

(c) raising the limits imposed by the said Acts of 1911 to 1936 on the amount of a Governor's pension, and on the amount of such a pension taken together with any other pension in respect of employment in the service of the Crown, by not more than three hundred pounds;

(d) repealing so much of section nine of the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Act, 1929 (which enable pensions to be granted in certain special cases to Governors who have not attained the ordinary retiring age), as requires a deduction to be made in a pension granted under either of these sections.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 5 agreed to.

A Clause (Increase of maximum amount of Governors' Pensions)—(Mr. Rees-Williams)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the 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 Mr. Speaker's the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Certificate. Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.
Mr. Benn presented, pursuant to the Metropolitan directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Forty-second Annual Report of the Metropolitan Water Board, for the year ended the 31st day of March 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, dated 4th December 1947, entitled—

1. the Cereal Breakfast Foods (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947, and
2. the Cheese (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Mathers presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 12th December 1947, entitled—

1. the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Antigua) Order, 1947, and
2. the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (British Honduras) Order, 1947, and
3. the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Gambia) Order, 1947, and
4. the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Gold Coast) Order, 1947, and
5. the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Montserrat) Order, 1947, and
6. the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Nyasaland) Order, 1947, and
7. the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Palestine) Order, 1947, and
8. the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (St. Christopher and Nevis) Order, 1947, and
9. the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sierra Leone) Order, 1947, and
10. the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Virgin Islands) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee B, that they had discharges the following Members from Standing Committee A:

Mr. Ayles, Mr. Beechman, Mr. Bumpston, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. Grimston, Mr. Maude, Mr. Hopkin Morris, Mr. Nally, Mr. Peake, Mr. George Porter, Mr. Henry Strauss, Mr. Ungod-Thomas and Earl Winterton.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee A, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:

Mr. Mothers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee:

Mr. Boundary, Mr. Dodds-Parker, Mr. Donner, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Brigadier Mackeson, Dr. Morgan, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Scott-Elliot, Mr. Shinnard, Mr. Stanley, and Major Wise; and had appointed in substitution Captain Hewitson and Mr. David Thomas.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee A, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A:

Mr. Mothers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee:

Mr. Boundary, Mr. Dodds-Parker, Mr. Donner, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Brigadier Mackeson, Dr. Morgan, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Scott-Elliot, Mr. Shinnard, Mr. Stanley, and Major Wise; and had appointed in substitution Captain Hewitson and Mr. David Thomas.
was presented on the 3rd day of this instant December, and the Drafts of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Nigeria) Order, 1947, of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Gold Coast) Order, 1947, of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sierra Leone) Order, 1947, of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Gambia) Order, 1947, of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Nyasaland) Order, 1947, of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Aden Colony) Order, 1947, of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (British Honduras) Order, 1947, of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Antigua) Order, 1947, of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (St. Christopher and Nevis) Order, 1947, of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Montserrat) Order, 1947, and of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Virgin Islands) Order, 1947, copies of which have been presented this day, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to them, on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Select Committee on the Civil List, that they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Order, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Lords, and desire their concurrence).

The Lords have agreed to the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Right Honourable Malcolm Stewart McCorquodale, Member for the County of Surrey (Epsom Division), was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Richard Adams: 269. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Major Conant: 103. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the New Zealand Constitution (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, Finance Bill. read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN,
Speaker.)

Mr. Collinridge reported from the Committee on Public Works Loans (Remission of Debt), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session relating to loans, it is expedient to authorise the remission of all arrears of interest due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners in respect of a loan to Alexander Fowlie and Mary Ann Fowlie. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved Public Works itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill. Loans Bill.

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved Medical Practitioners and Pharmacists Bill [Lords]. itself into a Committee on the Medical Practitioners and Pharmacists Bill [Lords].

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to. Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Robert Young 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.

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

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

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

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

[No. 37.]

Wednesday, 10th December, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

MR. Secretary Woodburn presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Coatbridge Burgh Extension, &c.: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

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

MR. Glesvill Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Special Memorandum to the Capital Issues Committee.

MR. Glesvill Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 10th December 1947, relative to the fiduciary Note Issue. Vol. 203.
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. Butler.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question—

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Admiral Sir Guy Royle, K.C.B., C.M.G., Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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


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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell,] Yeas: [Mr. Richard Adams: 286.]*

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Noes: Major Conant:] 123.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That, if in any case hereafter a Member shall have been found guilty by this House of corruptly accepting payment for the disclosure and publication of confidential information about matters to be proceeded with in Parliament, any person responsible for offering such payment shall incur the grave displeasure of this House; and this House will take such action as it may, in the circumstances, think fit.

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

...continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Major Sir Basil Neven-Spence Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Agriculture (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 38.]

Thursday, 11th December, 1947.

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

P R A Y E R S.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Coatbridge, Burgh Extension, &c., Order Confirmation Bill.

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

The Order made upon the 24th day of Air March in the last session of Parliament, for the Paper relative to Air Navigation be printed, was read, and discharged.

Mr. Glenshi Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper relative to the House of Commons Members' Fund.

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 6th December 1947, entitled the Carrots (1947 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1947.

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

* The number of the Ayes has been altered from 287 as reported by the Tellers to 286 in accordance with directions given to the Clerk of the House by Mr. Speaker on the 11th day of this instant December.
Mr. Lawson reported from the Select Committee on the Budget Disclosure, That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.  

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. McEntee, Member for the Borough of Walthamstow (West Division), asked leave to make a personal explanation; and the honourable Member was heard in his place, and stated that, in the Division yesterday on the Question relative to the Disclosure of Confidential Information, he had inadvertently voted twice in the Yea Lobby; whereupon Mr. Speaker directed the Clerk to correct the number of Members voting in the Yea Lobby, and to state it in the Journal as 286.

Adjournment.  
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.

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. Speaker adjourned the Houses without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 39.]  
Friday, 12th December, 1947.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAyERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in accordance with Standing Order 81 relating to Private business (Allocation of Bills between this House and the House of Lords), he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following List should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:

Beverley Corporation.
Birmingham Corporation.
Birmingham University.
Brighton Corporation.
Coventry Corporation.
Cromer Urban District Council.
Cumberland County Council.
Peabody Donation Fund.
Round Oak Steel Works (Level Crossings).
Salford Corporation.
Scunthorpe Corporation.
South Lancashire Transport.
South Suburban Gas.
Warwick Corporation.
West Riding County Council (General Powers).
Whitley Bay Urban District Council.


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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Sunday directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Cinematograph 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 Clacton,  
2. the Borough of Henley-on-Thames,  
3. the Borough of Ludlow,  
4. the Urban District of Oadby,  
5. the County Borough of Rochdale, and  
6. the County Borough of West Hartlepool.

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

Mr. Secretary Besin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London, between the 29th day of September and the 4th day of October 1947, constituting an Agreement between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Belgian Government for the Application of the Mutual Aid Agreement to Merchant Shipping Expenditure (with Annex).

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th December 1947, entitled the Knitting Pins (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Wilson, supported by Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Belcher, presented a Bill to make further provision for securing the exhibition of a certain proportion of British cinematograph films, and otherwise to amend and continue the Cinematograph Films Act, 1938: 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 this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley):

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider His Majesty's Most Gracious Message of the 18th day of November last relating to provision for Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R.N. (now His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh), and also to consider the expediency of amending Section 8 of the Civil List Act, 1937.

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the 9th day of this instant December, was made from the Select Committee on the Civil List, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 40.]

Monday, 15th December, 1947.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 8th December 1947, entitled—

(1) the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 13) Order, 1947,

(2) the Laundry (Maximum Charges) (No. 4) Order, 1947,

(3) the General Apparel, Furnishings and Textiles (Wholesalers' and Retailers' Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order, 1947,

(4) the Women's and Maids' Outerwear (Price Control Mark and Manufacturers' Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1947,

(5) the General Apparel and Textiles (Manufacturers' Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1947,

(6) the Narrow Fabrics (Maximum Prices) (No. 4) Order, 1947, and

(7) the Miscellaneous Haberdashery (Maximum Prices) (No. 3) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the House of Lords, the Supreme Court of Judicature, County Courts and other Civil Courts for 1946.

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

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

Copy of the Clergy Pensions Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

One Hundredth Report of the Ecclesiastical Committee (on the Clergy Pensions Measure).

Accounts of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the year ended 1st July 1947.

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

Notice being taken of the death yesterday of the Right Honourable the Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, K.G.;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn,—(The Prime Minister.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Gleswick Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th December 1947, entitled the Statutory Instruments Regulations, 1947.

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 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 Bootle,

(2) the Rural District of Border,

(3) the County Borough of Burton-upon-Trent,

(4) the Rural District of Eppingham, and

(5) the Urban District of Wymondham.

Copy of an Order, made by the Governor of Northern Ireland in Council on the 9th day of December 1947, entitled the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) Amendment Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Eighty-fourth Report of His Majesty’s Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, for 1946.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 9th December 1947, entitled—

(1) the Household Textiles (Marking and Manufacturers’ Prices) Order, 1947,

(2) the Utility Handkerchiefs (Marking and Manufacturers’ Prices) Order, 1947, and

(3) the Woven Cloth (Cotton, Rayon and Linen) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 9th December 1947, entitled the Utility Mark and Apparel and Textiles (General Provisions) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th December 1947, entitled the British Transport Stock 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 Warrant, dated 11th December 1947, entitled the Inland Post Warrant, 1947.

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

Mr. Viant reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 29th day of October last and the 9th day of this instant December, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Medical Practitioners and Pharmacists Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Water Act, 1945, and for purposes connected therewith: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

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

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which, by extending for a prolonged period wartime powers to acquire and retain land for military purposes, encourages procrastination and delay on the part of Service Departments, inflicts hardship on individuals whose interests are affected and creates uncertainty regarding the use of land for agricultural and other productive purposes"—[Mr. Peake], 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.
Resolved, That the Draft Harlyn Bay (Cornwall) Coast Protection Order, 1947, made by the Minister of Health under Section 1 of the Coast Protection Act, 1939, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of November last, be approved.

Resolved, That the Draft Rock Bay (Cornwall) Coast Protection Order, 1947, made by the Minister of Health under Section 1 of the Coast Protection Act, 1939, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of November last, be approved.—(Mr. Bevan.)

Resolved, That the Biscuits (Charges) Supplies and Services (Biscuits). (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O. No. 2556), dated 1st December 1947, 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 3rd day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Nigeria) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant December.—(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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Resolved, 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) (Aden Colony) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant December.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, 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) (Palestine) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant December.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, 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 Honduras) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant December.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, 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) (Antigua) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant December.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, 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) (Montserrat) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant December.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Virgin Islands) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant December.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, 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) (Nyasaland) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant December.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)
annulled.—(Mr. Spence) — And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Robert Taylor rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the [ Mr. Simmons, 190.
 Yea's, [ Mr. Wilkins :
 Tellers for the [ Mr. Drews, 60.
 Noes, [ Major Connant :
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, 
That the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2586), dated 3rd December 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 8th day of this instant December, be annulled; 
The House proceeded to a Division.
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 17th December, 1947:
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the [ Mr. Spence, 59.
 Yea's, [ Mr. Duthie :
 Tellers for the [ Mr. Simmons, 191.
 Noes, [ Mr. Wilkins :
So it passed in the Negative.

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 on Tuesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning; till this day.

[No. 42.]

Wednesday, 17th December, 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. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Final Report of the Committee on Electoral Law Reform.
Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and Directors of Convict Prisons for 1946.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of Regulations, dated 12th December 1947, entitled the House to House Collections Regulations, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Colonial Stock Acts Extension (Tanganyika) Order.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1947, entitled the Reading (Park Farm) Housing Confirmation Order, 1947, together with a Certificate by the Minister of Health under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Copy of a Scheme made by the Merthyr Tydfil Town Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1937.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's Catering Wages Commission,—Copy of the Fourth Annual Report of the Catering Wages Commission, for 1946-47.

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

Mr. Key presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Summary Report of the Works, Ministry of Works for the period from the 9th day of May 1945 to the 31st day of December 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:
Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of Debts Clearing Offices.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, that they had gone through Part II of the Local Government Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the said Part II of the Bill do lie upon the Table until the remainder of the Bill be reported to the House.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall, supported by Mr. James Griffiths and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to amend the Friendly Societies Acts, 1869 to 1929, and the Industrial Assurance Acts, 1923 to 1929, and to amend provisions corresponding or relating to provisions of those Acts contained in the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill, and to make Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a first time.

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Ordered, That the said Part II of the Bill do lie upon the Table until the remainder of the Bill be reported to the House.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.
Societies Acts, 1893 to 1928, and other enactments, as to payments on deaths of children, payments on deaths where no grant of probate or administration has been made, investment in savings banks, the designation of auditors appointed thereunder, the mode of determination of disputes and interpretation: And the same was ordered to be read a second time tomorrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Civil List.

(In the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That there be charged on the Consolidated Fund the following annual sums,—

(a) for Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth during her life, as from the day of her marriage with His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, £25,000 in addition to any sum payable to her under the Civil List Act, 1937;

(b) for His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh during his life, as from the said day, £10,000;

(c) for His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh in case Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth dies in his lifetime leaving a child or children, during any period after her death during which he is Her Presumptive to the Throne, £15,000 in addition to the said sum of £25,000.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendment proposed, to leave out subparagraph (a).—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to "£25,000," stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hannan: 345.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wilkins: 333.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out "£25,000," and insert "£20,000."—(Mr. Maurice Webb.)

Question put, That "£25,000" stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Lawson: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Benson: 165.

Main Question put, and agreed to.

2. Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the provision made by section eight of the Civil List Act, 1937, as to that one of His Majesty’s daughters who, in the event of Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth predeceasing His Majesty, thereby becomes his eldest surviving daughter, so as to restrict the application thereof to any period during which that one of His Majesty’s daughters is Heir Presumptive to the Throne.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the 5th day of June in the last session of Parliament, was made from the Select Committee on the House of Commons Members' Fund, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Report into consideration.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act, 1939, should be amended in order to extend its scope and to provide for increased payments and altered contributions.—(Mr. Viant.)

The House was moved, That the Order made upon the 23rd day of October last for the appointment of a Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., might be read;

And the same being read:

Ordered, That the said Order be amended in l. 3, by inserting, after "1893," the words "or Statutory Instrument," and by inserting, after the word "Order," the word "Instrument."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Rules and Orders, &c., have power to consider any notification which, having been sent to Mr. Speaker under the proviso to subsection (1) of section four of the Statutory Instruments Act, 1946, has been laid by him upon the Table of the House.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

The House was moved, That the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) might be read; And the same was read, as followeth:

Where, under any Act of Parliament, a statutory instrument is required to be laid before Parliament, or before this House, the delivery of a copy of such instrument to the Votes and Proceedings Office on any day during the existence of a Parliament shall be deemed to be for all purposes the laying of it before the House;

And amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that nothing in this Order shall apply to any Statutory Instrument being an Order which is subject to special parliamentary procedure or to any other instrument which is required to be laid before Parliament, or before this House, for any period before it comes into operation."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the procedure in Select Committees on Public Bills to which the Standing Orders relative to Private Business apply and to report whether any, and if so what, rules should be laid down to regulate their proceedings.
And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Benson, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. McLeavy, Mr. Hopkins Morris, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Sparks and Mr. William Wells. Order, 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 the Draft of the Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power, under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Manchester, which was presented on the 18th day of November last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power, under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the Burgh of Johnstone, which was presented on the 12th day of November last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House do now adjourn (Mr. Popplewell) —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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-two minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 43.]

Thursday, 18th December, 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 16th day of this instant December 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) (Nigeria) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Gold Coast) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sierra Leone) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Gambia) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Nyasaland) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Aden Colony) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Palestine) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (British Honduras) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Antigua) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (St. Christopher and Nevis) Order, 1947; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Montserrat) Order, 1947; and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Virgin Islands) Order, 1947, be made in the form of the respective drafts laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

The Order made upon the 17th day of this Catering Wages instant December, That the Paper relative to Commission Catering Wages Commission do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Exchange directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th December 1947, entitled the Exchange Control (Definition of Scheduled Territories) (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His United States Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement, (No. 1, 1947) signed at Washington on the 17th day of December 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America, amending certain terms of the Bizonal Fusion Agreement 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, by His Medical Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council for Medical Research and a Report of the Medical Research Council for the war years 1939-1945.

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

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the Supplies directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th December 1947, of Building entitled the Control of Building Operations (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of an Order, dated 15th December 1947, of Building entitled the Control of Building Operations (Food) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the Catering Wages directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fourth Annual Report of the Catering Wages Commission for 1946-47.

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

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the Supplies directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th December 1947, of Building entitled the Control of Building Operations (Amendment) Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the Supplies directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of an Order, dated 15th December 1947, of Building entitled the Control of Building Operations (Food) Rationing) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Lindgren presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the British European Airways Corporation, for the period from the 1st day of August 1946 to the 31st day of March 1947.

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

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Loans Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Coatbridge Burgh Extension, &c., Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to Education in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for establishing river boards and for confering on or transferring to such boards functions relating to land drainage, fisheries and river pollution and certain other functions; 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 abolish the defence of common employment, to amend the law relating to the liability in damages for breach of statutory duty and to the measure of damages for personal injury or death, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for raising further money for the development of the postal, telegraphic and telephonic systems and the repayment to the Post Office Fund of money applied thereout for such development; and the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Wilfred Paling, supported by Mr. Glenvil Hall, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Volunteer Reserve of Royal Marines, and to amend the law with respect to engagements in the Royal Marines: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Motion Business of the Adjournment of the House moved the House.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising Adjournment to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday, the 20th day of January next.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Com. Civil List, mittee on the Civil List, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That there be charged on the Consolidated Fund the following annual sums,—
   (a) for Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth during her life, as from the day of her marriage with His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, £25,000 in addition to any sum payable to her under the Civil List Act, 1937;
   (b) for His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh during his life, as from the said day, £10,000 in addition to any sum payable to him under the Civil List Act, 1937;
   (c) for His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, in case Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth dies in his lifetime
leaving a child or children, during any period after her death during which he is living and their child or one of their children is Heir Presumptive to the Throne, £15,000 in addition to the said sum of £10,000.

2. That it is expedient to amend the provision made by section eight of the Civil List Act, 1937, as to that one of His Majesty's daughters who, in the event of Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth predeceasing His Majesty, thereby becomes his eldest surviving daughter, so as to restrict the application thereof to any period during which that one of His Majesty's daughters is Heir Presumptive to the Throne.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Secretary Woodburn and Mr. Gwenneth Hall do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the payment of certain annuities to Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, and to amend section eight of the Civil List Act, 1937: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That the 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 Burton upon Trent, a copy of which Order was presented on the 16th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Erpingham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 16th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Wymondham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 16th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Erpingham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 16th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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

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 the Honourable House in the House of Commons, for declaring His Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned.

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

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


And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Adjournment.

County Courts (Fees).

MR. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Rules, dated 15th December 1947, entitled the County Court Fees (Amendment) Order, 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 an Order, dated 16th December 1947, entitled the County Court Fees (Amendment) Order, 1947.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Mr. Robert Taylor ; 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. Richard Adams.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 20th day of January next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

PRAYERS.

Death of a Member.

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Allen, K.B.E., D.S.O., Member for the County of Armagh, 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 acquainted the House, That he had issued, during the Adjournment, a Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Burgh of Glasgow (Camlachie Division), in the room of Campbell Stephen, Esquire, deceased.

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

Ascot Race Course.
Cardiff Corporation (Extension of Time).
Darwen Corporation.
Egham Urban District Council.
Great Yarmouth Port and Haven.
Ipswich Corporation.
London County Council (General Powers).
Methyr Tydfil Corporation.
Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund.
Rochdale Corporation.
St. Helens Corporation (Electricity and General Powers).
Shoreham Harbour.
Smethwick Corporation.
University of Sheffield (Lands).
Whitstable Urban District Council.

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

Beverley Corporation.
Birmingham Corporation.
Birmingham University.
Brighton Corporation.
Coventry Corporation.
Cromer Urban District Council.
Cumberland County Council.
Peabody Donation Fund.
Round Oak Steel Works (Level Crossings).
Salford Corporation.
Scunthorpe Corporation.
South Lancashire Transport.
South Suburban Gas.
Warwick Corporation.
West Riding County Council (General Powers).
Whitstable Bay Urban District Council.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Communications declaring that Copies of the undermentioned Statutory Instruments have yet to be laid before Parliament, and explaining why such Copies have not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification)—


Orders,—

(1) dated 7th January 1948, entitled the Boot and Shoe Repairs (Maximum Charges) Order, 1948, and
(2) dated 9th January 1948, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 11) Order, 1948.
Order, dated 12th January 1948, entitled the Footwear (Supply, Marking and Manufacturers’ Prices) Order, 1948.

Statutory Instruments (Notification).
Exchange Control.
Statutory Instruments.
Goods and Services (Price Controls).
Supplies and Services (Apparel and Textiles.)
Supplies and Services (Food/Rationing).

Order, dated 8th January 1948, entitled the Pears Order, 1948.


The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table.—Copy of a Statement showing the numbers of Registered Disabled Persons in Government Employment in Great Britain on the 1st day of October 1946 and on the 1st day of October 1947, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Disabled Persons in Government Employment.

Copy of a Summary of the main provisions of the Children Bill.

Copy of Trade and Payments Agreements between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, signed at Moscow on the 27th day of December, 1947.

Copy of the Text of the Nauru Trusteeship Agreement as approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations at New York on the 1st day of November 1947.

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the United States Government relating to the United States Leased Base at Argentia, Newfoundland, signed at London on the 13th day of August and the 23rd day of October 1947.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 6th day of December 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Italy for the Mutual Abolition of Visas.

Copy of a Protocol between the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States and France, and Italy relating to the restitution to Italy of Monetary Gold looted by Germany, signed at London on the 16th day of December 1947.

Copy of an Agreement, signed at Washington on the 17th day of December, 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America, amending certain terms of the Bizozon Fusion Agreement, signed at New York on the 2nd day of December 1946.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 9th day of January 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Portuguese Government, abrogating the Supplementary Monetary Agreement, dated 26th February 1947.


Copy of a Report for 1946, showing the Quantities of Spirituous Beverages imported into certain Territories under British Administration in Africa, and the import duties levied thereon.

Copy of the Proceedings of the Conference on the Closer Association of the British West Indian Colonies, held at Montego Bay, Jamaica, between the 11th and the 19th day of September 1947 (Part I, Report).

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment).

Copy of a Report of the Committee of Shop Premises Inquiry into the Tenure of Shop Premises in Scotland.

Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, Housing (Scotland).

Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 30th November 1947.


Copy of an Order, dated 14th January 1948, Import Duties entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1948.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Nary directions of several Acts of Parliament, (Appropriation Accounts).

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Navy Accounts.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted Army by Parliament for Army Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Army Accounts.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted Air Services by Parliament for Air Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Air Accounts.

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted Civil by Parliament for Civil Services, Classes I—IX, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted Civil by Parliament for Civil Services, Classes X, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon Certain Store Accounts.

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted Revenue Departments by Parliament for Revenue Departments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon Revenue and Certain Store Accounts.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 6th Bank Notes, January 1948, relative to the fiduciary Note Issue.
Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in 1947.


Accounts and Balance Sheets of Trading or Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments in 1946-1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1947, entitled the Ottawa Duties (Geneva Agreement) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1947, entitled the Import Duties (Geneva Agreement) Order, 1947.

Copy of Orders, dated 19th December 1947, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 12) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 13) Order, 1947.

Copy of a Treasury Warrant, dated 9th January 1948, appointing Frederick Hickman Lucraft, Esquire, to be a Special Commissioner of Income Tax (unpaid).

Copy of Rules, dated 29th December 1947, entitled the Local Government and Civil Service (Superannuation) Rules, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1947, entitled the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1947, entitled the Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1947.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 31st December 1947, directing that Sir Arthur Malcolm Trustram Eve shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 30th December 1947, entitled the Leather (Charges) Order, 1947.

Copy of a Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 1st day of January 1948 in respect of stock issued by the British Transport Commission to satisfy compensation attributable to the Lee Conservancy Board.


Copy of a Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 1st day of January 1948, in respect of stock issued by the British Transport Commission to satisfy compensation attributable to the securities specified in Part I of the Fourth Schedule to the Transport Act, 1947.

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Copy of a Scheme made by the Kilmarnock Town Council and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937.

Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the National Health Service (Scotland) (Superannuation) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th December 1947, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) (Scotland) Varying Order, 1947.

Copies of University Court Ordinances.—(1) No. 243 (No. 58 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Foundation of the Douglas Chair of Civil Law), and (2) No. 244 (No. 59 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Foundation of the Chair of Psychological Medicine).

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th December 1946, 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.


Copies of Orders in Council, dated 19th December 1947, entitled—(1) the Nyasaland Order in Council, 1947, (2) the Nyasaland Protectorate (Native Trust Land) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1947, and (3) the Palestine (Amendment) Order in Council, 1947.


Copies of Orders in Council, dated 19th December 1947, approving Admiralty Memorials—(1) for sanction to the institution of the rating of Leading Patrolman, and (2) relating to deductions of pay for the maintenance of wives and children.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1947, entitled the Statutory Instruments Act, 1946 (Commencement), Order, 1947.

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


Copies of Orders,—(1) dated 24th December 1947, entitled the Brass (Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) Order, 1947, and (2) dated 12th January 1948, entitled the Footwear (Supply, Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) Order, 1948.

Copy of a Licence, dated 29th December 1947, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Bazaars and Sales of Work) (No. 2) Licence, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 17th December 1947, entitled the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 19) (Revocation) Order, 1947.


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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the Diseases of Animals to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—(1) (No. 9048), dated 19th December 1947, authorising the landing of Friesian Cattle from the Netherlands, and (2) (No. 6960), dated 20th December 1947, entitled the Poultry and Hatching Eggs (Importation) (Amendment) Order of 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 29th December 1947, entitled the Ely Rural (Haddenham) Housing Confirmation Order, 1947, together with a Certificate by the Minister of Health under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government (Acquisition of Land) 1937—
(1) Anglesey County Council.
(2) Burton-upon-Trent Town Council.
(3) Chelmsford Town Council.
(4) Chesterfield (Rural) and Staley Superannuation Joint Committee.
(5) Coulston and Purley Urban District Council.
(6) King's Lynn Town Council.
(7) Leek Urban District Council.
(8) Nottingham County Council.
(9) Northampton Town Council.
(10) Sussex (East) County Council.
(11) West Riding (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee.

Mr. Buchanan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a List of Exceptional Awards of Pensions and Allowances sanctioned by the Treasury to disabled members and the dependants of deceased members of the Armed Forces during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.

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

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th December 1947, entitled the Primary and Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations No. 4, 1947.

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 24th December 1947, entitled the Lee Conservancy Catchment Board (Additional Functions) Regulations, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 14th January 1948, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948.


Copies of Orders, dated 23rd December 1947, entitled—
(1) the Railway Companies (Accounts and Returns) (No. 3) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Railway Companies (Accounts and Returns) (No. 4) Order, 1947.

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Copy of a Notice, entitled the Requisitioning of new Privately-owned Railway Wagons Notice, 1947.

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

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 30th December 1947, entitled—
(1) the Bricks (Range of Prices) (No. 1) (First Amendment) Order, 1947, and
(2) the Bricks (Range of Prices) (No. 2) (First Amendment) 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 an Order, dated 18th December 1947, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Varying Order No. 2, 1947.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Coal Industry, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st December 1947, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Supplies) Act, 1947, and confirmed by the Minister of Fuel and Power, in respect of part of the rural district of Skipton in the West Riding of the County of York.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1947, entitled the Coal Prices (Foreign and Services (Coal Prices)) Order, 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st December 1947, entitled the Gas Charges (No. 2) Order, 1947.

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 18th December 1947, entitled the Labelling of Food Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.

Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 13th December 1947, entitled the Potato (1947 Crop) (No. 2) Order (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1947.
(2) dated 22nd December 1947, entitled the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1947.
(3) dated 22nd December 1947, entitled the Soft Drinks Order, 1947.
(4) dated 23rd December 1947, entitled the Dredge Corn (Control and Prices) (Great Britain and Northern Ireland) Orders, 1947 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1947.
(5) dated 23rd December 1947, entitled the Home Grown Beans (Control and Maximum Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1943 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1947.
(6) dated 23rd December 1947, entitled the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Great Britain

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Mr. Lindgren presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the British South American Airways Corporation, for the period from the 1st of day August 1946 to the 31st day of March 1947.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 31st December 1947, entitled—

1. the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1947.
2. the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Amendment Regulations, 1947.
3. the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Deposit Contributors) Amendment Regulations, 1947.
4. the National Health Insurance (Central Fund) Emergency Regulations, 1947, and
5. the National Health Insurance (Emergency Additional Benefits) Amendment Regulations, 1947.


Copy of Regulations, dated 13th January 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Regulations, 1948.

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:

1. Account of the Cunard Insurance Fund, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
2. Account of the Sums received into and paid out of the Herring Marketing Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon:—And, Audited Statements with respect to the application of Moneys advanced to the Herring Industry Board.
3. Account of the Sugar Industry (Research and Education) Fund, showing the Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
4. Account of His Majesty's High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland in respect of the function transferred under the Northern Ireland (Land Purchase (Winding Up) Act, 1935, for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
5. Account of the Land Fertility (Research and Expenditure) Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1947, 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 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 Princess Elizabeth's and Duke of Edinburgh's Annuities 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.
And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—

And the Question being proposed, That the Control of Turbo-Alternators Products Order, 1948, and another Amendment was made to the Bill.

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

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

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 Standing Order, it being then twenty minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 21st January, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

(1) the Urban District of Denton,
(2) the Borough of Farnworth, and
(3) the Urban District of Harpenden.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1948, entitled the Dried Fruits (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1948.
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 Reading (Park Farm) Housing Confirmation Order, 1947.

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

Mr. Gaitskell, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Robens, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of Area Gas Boards and a Gas Council and for the exercise and performance by those Boards and that Council of functions relating to the supply of gas and coke and certain other matters; for the transfer to such Boards as aforesaid and to the said Council of property, rights, obligations and liabilities of gas undertakers and other persons; for co-ordinating the activities of Area Gas Boards and the National Coal Board relating to carbonization; to amend the law relating to the supply of gas; 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 Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Consolidated directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract Account showing the issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, for the Interest and Management of the Debt, for the Civil List, and all other Issues in the financial year for services charged directly on the said Fund, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of the Fifth Report (Scotland), and Supplementary Report of the Scottish Nurses Salaries Committee.

Copy of the Sixth Report and Supplementary Report (Mental Nurses) of the Scottish Nurses Salaries Committee.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to Animals, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th January 1948, entitled the Agriculture (Artificial Insemination) (Financial Matters) (England and Wales) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, by His Majesty's Gas Supply Command,—Paper entitled Gas Supply Areas, Areas.

Mr. Gaitskell also presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Special Orders), a Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and confirmed by the Minister of Fuel and Power in respect of the compulsory acquisition of lands for a generating station in the parish of Keadby in the rural district of the Isle of Axholme in the county of Lincoln (Parts of Lindsey).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom during each month of the year 1948.—(Mr. Wilson.)

Message from the Lords.

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 London County Council (Improvements) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Lord High Commissioner (Scotland) Bill.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Thomas Fraser and Mr. Robertson, presented a Bill to make further provision regarding the allowance payable to His Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Business of the House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Motion for the Adjournment of the House moved by a Minister of the Crown be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for One hour after Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison).

Adjournment.

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

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

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.

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 Whitchurch (Salop), a copy of which Order was presented on the 19th day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Haltemprice, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Frome, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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

(Mr. Popplewell.)

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

[No. 48.]

Friday, 23rd January, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the Supplies directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd January 1948, entitled the Limitation of Supplies (Toys and Indoor Games) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local 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) Chester City Council.

(2) Runcorn Rural District Council.

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

Mr. George Strauss presented, pursuant to Supplies and Services the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st January 1948, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 62) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st January Supplies 1948, entitled the Control of Bolts, Nuts, and Screws, Screw Studs, Washers and Rivets (Semi-Manufactured and Manufactured Articles) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to Supplies directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 22nd January 1948, entitled—
(1) the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Home-Grown Apples Order, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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


Copy of all the Applications made by the First Lord of the Treasury or the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor, of the Bank of England for Advances to Government authorised by Parliament, from the 6th day of January 1947 to the 5th day of January 1948, and the Answers of the said Court thereto.


Account of the Amount of all Exchequer Bills, and other Government Securities, which have been purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or on which any Sum or Sums have been lent and advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ended the 31st day of December 1947, and the Annual Return of the Accounts of all Government Bills, and other Government Securities, which have been purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or on which any Sums of Money have been lent and advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, on the 3rd day of April 1948, the 4th day of July 1947, the 4th day of October 1947 and the 3rd day of January 1948.

Adjournment.

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

(Mr. Whiteley):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Supply.

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

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

Ways and Means.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, 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 Urban District of Denton, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Denton, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—

(Mr. Snow.)

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

[No. 49.]

Monday, 26th January, 1948.

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

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of certain Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th January 1948, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 27th April 1939, providing for the government, discipline, pay and allowances of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th January 1948, Air Force Supplementing the Regulations appended to the Order of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, dated 18th October 1934, as amended by subsequent Orders and contained in a Volume entitled Regulations for the Royal Air Force Reserve including the Reserve of Air Force Officers and Men of the Royal Air Force Reserve.

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

Mr. Wilson presented,—Return (in part) to Trade and Navigation.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper containing a Review of the Progress of the East African Groundnuts Scheme to the end of November 1947.

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

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

(Mr. 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, tomorrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

(Mr. George Wallace);—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And the Question being 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 50.]

Tuesday, 27th January, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Gensell Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th January 1948, entitled the Teachers’ Superannuation (Foreign Office (German Section)) Scheme, 1948.

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

Mr. G. Cunningham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 26th January 1948, entitled the Teachers’ Superannuation (Foreign Office (German Section)) Scheme, 1948.

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

Mr. Pugh presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 26th January 1948, entitled the Teachers’ Superannuation (Foreign Office (German Section)) Scheme, 1948.

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

Mr. George Wallace presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 26th January 1948, entitled the Teachers’ Superannuation (Foreign Office (German Section)) Scheme, 1948.

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

Mr. R. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty’s 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 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st December 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Eighth Annual Report on Scottish Camps by the Scottish Special Housing Association Limited (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947)

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Orders in Council, dated 26th January 1948, entitled—

(1) the Tanganyika (Legislative Council) Amendment Order in Council, 1948,

(2) the Palestine Order in Council, 1948, and

(3) the Federation of Malaya Order in Council, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th January 1948, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (War Marriages) (New Zealand) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th January 1948, entitled the Colonial Light Dues (Bahamas) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th January 1948, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Food and Drugs) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th January 1948, entitled the Defence Regulations (No. 1) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd January 1948, entitled the Utility Footwear (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd January 1948, entitled the Lloyd’s Revocation of Rules Regulations, 1948.

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 December, 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 a Scheme, dated 24th January 1948, entitled the Teachers’ Superannuation (Foreign Office (German Section)) Scheme, 1948.

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

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

Your Committee have considered the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 3) Order, 1947 (S.K. & O., 1947, No. 2710), the Import Duties (Geneva Agreement) Order, 1947 (S.K. & O., 1947, No. 2711), the Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1947 (S.K. & O. 1947, No. 2713), the Brighton Corporation Act, 1931, Modification Order, 1947 (S.K. & O., 1947, No. 2843), and the draft of the National Health Service (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, copies of which were presented on the 20th day of this instant January, and are of the opinion that there are no reasons for drawing the special attention of the House to them, on any of the grounds set out in the Order of Reference to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmons; Mr. George Wallace; 243

Tellers for the Noes, Commander Agnew; Major Ramsay; 110

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Princess Elizabeth’s and Duke of Edinburgh’s Annuities Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Provision for Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, at the end, to add the words—

"(o) Of the foregoing combined yearly sum of forty thousand pounds, the sum of five thousand pounds shall be deemed to be private and personal expenditure, and the remaining sum of thirty-five thousand pounds, or as much of that sum as is for the purpose required, together with the sum of five thousand pounds similarly designated in subsection (4) of section two of this Act, shall be utilised in defrayment of expenditure necessary in connection with the Royal obligations and functions of Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and so certified by the Treasurer of the Household."—(Mr. Chamberlain.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 5 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 read the third time to-morrow.

Requisitioned Land and War Works [Money].

Mr. Simmons reported, from the Committee on Requisitioned Land and War Works [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purpose of any Act of the present session to continue certain provisions of the Requisitioned Land and War Works Act, 1945, to make permanent certain other provisions thereof, and otherwise to amend that Act; to amend the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939, as respects compensation for the taking of possession of land; to make further provision, by the amendment of those Acts and otherwise, as respects the maintenance and use of certain oil pipe lines and the compensation therefor; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any increase in consequence of the said Act of the present session in the sums so payable under the said Act of 1939 or the said Act of 1945; and

(b) of any other expenses incurred under the said Act of the present session by a Minister of the Crown (including the Admiralty and the Board of Trade).

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 (Continuance of provisions of 8 and 9 Geo. 6. c. 43)

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the words "is hereby repealed," and insert the words "shall have effect as if after the word "subsection," where it first occurs, there were inserted the words "after the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-eight."—(Mr. Peake.)

Question put, That the words "is hereby repealed," stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas, [Mr. Wilkins : 284. Mr. Studholme, Nos. for the Lieutenant - Colonel 138. Thorp :]

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Highways).

Amendments made.

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow, Yeas, [Mr. Wilkins : 253. Nos. for the Lieutenant - Colonel 97. Thorp, Brigadier Mackeson :

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Amount of rental compensation for requisitioned land.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words—

"(c) the rental compensation shall be assessed on the assumption that the tenancy is limited to expire not earlier than the first day of January nineteen hundred and fifty-four."—(Mr. William Morrison.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Yeas, [Major Conant : 86. Mr. Snow, Nos. for Mr. George Wallace : 256. An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Maxima for rental compensation.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 31, to leave out the words "instead of," and insert the word "or."—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 12, to leave out from the second word "property" to the word "of" in l. 13.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)
Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th January 1948, entitled the Rubber Hot Water Bottles (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948.

Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 27th January 1948, entitled the Utility Handkerchiefs (Marking and Manufacturer’s Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948, and
(2) dated 28th January 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Men’s and Boys’ Shirts, Underwear and Nightwear) (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of a Court of Inquiry into a dispute between the National Coal Board and the National Union of Colliery Winding Engineemen. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. George Strauss presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th January 1948, entitled the Control of Non-Ferrous Metals (No. 31) (Copper, Lead, and Zinc) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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. Wilkins; Noes, Major Conant, Thorp. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Princess Elizabeth’s and Duke of Edinburgh’s Annuities Bill, was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate):
I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. CLIFFON BROWN, Speaker.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Requisitioned Land and War Works Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Clause No. 7 (Maxima for rental compensation). Amendments made. Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 8 (Application of provisions as to rental compensation where land requisitioned before commencement of Act).
Amendment proposed in p. 7, l. 2, to leave out from the word “in,” to the word “to,” in line 3, and insert the word “writing.”—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question put, 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. 9 (Amount of compensation in respect of making good requisitioned land.) An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 7, l. 38, after the word “compensation,” to insert the words “in respect of land other than land referred to in subsection (2) of section one of the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Act, 1946.” (Mr. Paget.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 38, after the word “not,” to insert the words “where the interest in the land of the person entitled to possession of the land at the date when such compensation accrues due is a freehold interest.”—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 43, at the end, to insert the words “increased by the amount of any expenses incurred in the rehabilitation of the land.”—(Mr. Turton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Debate arising:

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Amendment: Mr. Collindridge, 260; Mr. Wilkins: 255.

Tellers for the Amendment: Mr. Studholme, 116; Brigadier Mackeson: 116.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee proceeded to a Division— But no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Yeas, the Chairman declared that the Noes had it.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Minor amendments as to compensation for taking possession of land.) An Amendment made.

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 29, at the end, to insert the words—

“(2) The following provision shall be substituted for paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section two of the Act of 1939:

(c) In a case where the land is, or includes, an agricultural unit or part of such a unit

(i) a sum equal to the amount (if any) which might reasonably have been expected to be payable in addition to rent by an incoming tenant, in respect of things previously done for the purpose of the cultivation of the land, and in respect of seeds, tillages, growing crops and other similar matters, under a lease of the land granted immediately before possession thereof was taken in the exercise of emergency powers; and

(ii) a sum equal to the amount by which the net profits obtainable by the occupier of the agricultural unit from will be reduced by reason of the requisitioning. For the purpose of ascertaining the said amount there shall be estimated (as at the time of the requisitioning) the annual amount by which the net profits will be so reduced and the amount of compensation shall be proportionate to the period for which possession of the land is retained.”—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Permanent power to maintain government oil pipe-lines.) Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words—

“(5) Where the water supplied by any local authority or statutory undertakers is fouled by government pipe-line or works accessory thereunto or by the use thereof, the Minister of Works shall cause the said pipe-line or works to be removed or diverted or moved to a new site, as the case may be.”—(Mr. Assheton.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 12 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Registration of rights as to government oil pipe-lines.) Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words “or the prescribed documents of title have been endorsed under the next following subsection.”—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Supplementary provisions as to government oil pipe-lines.) Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 6, to leave out from the word “emergency,” to the word “entry,” in l. 8.—(Sir Thomas Dugdale.)

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

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 15 to 17 agreed to.

Clause No. 18 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 19 agreed to.

A Clause (Application of Part VIII of Act of 1945 to compensation to tenants in Northern Ireland) [Mr. Solicitor General]—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 9, to leave out paragraph 8.—(Colonel Clarke.)
Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the second word " to," in l. 11, stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. George Wallace : 234,

Tellers for the Nays, Major Comyn, Major Ramsay : 54.

Another Amendment made.

Schedule, as amended, 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.

Ordered, That Mr. Rhodes be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates ; and that Mr. Yates be added to the Committee.-(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

A Motion was made and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Rules, dated 28th November 1947, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 4555), a copy of which was presented on the 4th day of December last, be annulled.-(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter) : It passed in the Negative.

Adjourned. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.-(Mr. Simmons.)

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 245 (No. 82 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh) (Foundation of the Chair of Architecture).

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 Hornsey 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. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant Agriculture, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th January 1948, entitled the Huntingdon and Soke of Peterborough County Agricultural Executive Committee (Combination of Counties) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Services (Food). Orders, dated 28th January 1948, entitled—

(1) the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948,

(2) the Root Vegetables Order, 1948,

(3) the Salmon (Maximum Prices and Distribution) Order, 1944 (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1948, and

(4) the Manufactured and Pre-packed Foods (Control) Order, 1942 (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1948.

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 a Report to the Lord Chancellor Lunacy. of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics between the 1st day of April 1947 and the 30th day of September 1947.

Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Thomas Fraser and Mr. Younger, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to parliamentary and local government elections and to corrupt and illegal practices ; and for purposes connected therewith : 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 this House approves the action taken by His Majesty's Government at the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment.—(Mr. Bottomley) ;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. i, by leaving out from the word " House to the end of the Question, and adding the words " while welcoming practical measures for increasing the volume of international trade, regrets that His Majesty's Government should have placed...
a limit on Imperial Preferences and urges them not to subscribe prematurely to the principle of non-discrimination; and calls upon His Majesty's Government, whilst participating at the Havana Conference in measures directed towards the expansion of multilateral trade, to follow a realistic policy on the lines of the Marshall Plan and to develop trade both within the Empire and with the countries of Western Europe and their overseas territories, as a first step towards the expansion of international trade. (Mr. Lyttelton.)—instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the a Mr. Snow, 
Yea, {Mr. George Wallace : } 256.
Tellers for the a Major Conant,
Noes, {Brigadier Mackeson : } 111.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put ;

Resolved, That this House approves the action taken by His Majesty's Government at the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment.

Import Duties (Geneva Agreement).

Resolved, That the Import Duties (Geneva Agreement) Order, 1947 (S. R. & O., 1947, No. 2711), dated 19th December 1947, made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Wilson.)

Silk Duties.

Resolved, That the Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1947 (S. R. & O., 1947, No. 2713), dated 19th December 1947, made by the Treasury under the Finance Act, 1933, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of this instant January, be approved.—(Mr. Wilson.)

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 53.]

Friday, 30th January, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order made upon the 20th day of this instant January, That the Paper relative to Foreign Service do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th January 1948, entitled the Acquisition of Land (Claims for adjustment of compensation for War Damaged Land) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th January 1948, entitled the Acquisition of Land (Claims for adjustment of compensation for War Damaged Land) Regulations, 1948.

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 27th January 1948, entitled the Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1947 (S. R. & O., 1947, No. 2711), dated 19th December 1947, made by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, a copy of which Order was presented by the Treasury under the Import Duties Act, 1932, to the directions of an Act of Parliament, (Geneva Agreement). (Mr. Popplewell.)—instead thereof.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. (In the Committee.)

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. Simmons.)

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

Mr. Wilfred Paling, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Royal Marines [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 Volunteer Reserve of Royal Marines and to amend the law with respect to engagements in the Royal Marines, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Admiralty under the provisions of the said Act relating to the Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve.—(Mr. Dugdale.)

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 Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Richard Adams.)
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, to provide for raising further money for the development of the postal, telegraphic and telephonic systems and the repayment to the Post Office Fund of moneys applied thereout for such development, it is expedient—

(i) to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole seventy-five million pounds, as may be required for the purposes of such development or of such repayment;

(ii) to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of terminable annuities, for the purpose of providing money for sums so authorised to be issued, or for repaying to the Consolidated Fund all or any part of the sums so issued, and to authorise payment into the Exchequer of any sums so borrowed;

(iii) to provide for the payment of such terminable annuities out of moneys provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, or, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

—(Mr. Wilfred Paling.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Robert Young reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

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

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

The Attempted Rape Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Henderson); And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

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

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

[No. 54.]  
Monday, 2nd February, 1948.

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 Burgh of Paisley in the room of Oliver Ridsdale Baldwin, Esquire, commonly called Viscount Corvedale, now Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Com-Statutory munications declaring that Copies of the undermentioned Statutory Instruments have yet to be laid before Parliament, and explaining why such Copies have not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification):—

Order, dated 30th January 1948, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments) (Italy, Republic of San Marino, Vatican City and Trieste) Order, 1948.

Orders, dated 30th January 1948, entitled—Supplies and Services (Food).

(1) the Milk (Priority Supplies) Order, 1948,

(2) the Imported Apples Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1948,

(3) the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1948,

(4) the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1948,

(5) the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948, and

(6) the Imported Canned Fish (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948.

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 1948, for Civil Departments.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to Exchange Control.  
Copy of an Order, dated 30th January 1948, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments) (Italy, Republic of San Marino, Vatican City and Trieste) Order, 1948.

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

(1) dated 29th January 1948, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948,
(2) dated 30th January 1948, entitled the Milk (Priority Supplies) Order, 1948,
(3) dated 30th January 1948, entitled the Imported Apples Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1948,
(4) dated 30th January 1948, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1948,
(5) dated 30th January 1948, entitled the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1948,
(6) dated 30th January 1948, entitled the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948, and
(7) dated 30th January 1948, entitled the Imported Canned Fish (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948.

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

The Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse Bill was, according to Order, read a second time. Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.) Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the period during which payments may be made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, in connection with the eradication of bovine tuberculosis, and to amend the Horse Breeding Act, 1918, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in—

(a) the sums to be paid thereout into the Diseases of Animals Account to defray expenses under section twenty of the Agriculture Act, 1937; and
(b) the sums to be paid thereout to defray expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Horse Breeding Act, 1918.—(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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Exchange put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 13th January 1948, entitled the Exchange Control (Pensions) [Union of Soviet Socialist Republics] Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 17), a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of January last, be annulled.—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Colonels:

Yea, Sir John Mellor; 30.

Nay, Mr. Popplewell; 170.

So it passed in the Negative.

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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-six minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

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

Prayers.

A Bill to provide for the closing of part of Ascot Race Course Bill.

A Bill for granting a Corporation [Winkfield Road] in the rural district of Windsor in the county of Berks during the Ascot races and for diverting a footpath and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the time for the compulsory Cardiff acquisition by the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Corporation of Citizens of the City of Cardiff of certain lands (Time) Bill, in the said City; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Darwen to supply heat by means of hot water or steam Bill.

A Bill to continue the Corporation [Extension of Darwen River] and the acquisition of lands; to make further provision in reference to the health improvement local government and finances of the borough of Darwen; and for
other purposes; was presented, and ordered to be read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Urban District Council of Egham to make charges for the parking of vehicles on the Runnymede Pleasure Ground; to confer further powers on the Council with respect to such ground; 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 confer further powers on the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Commissioners; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer upon the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Ipswich further powers in regard to lands; to make further provision with regard to their transport and water undertakings and the health local government and improvement of the borough; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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 confer further powers upon the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Merthyr Tydfil to execute works for the improvement of the Morlas Brook; to confer further powers upon them in regard to lands; to make further and better provision in reference to the improvement health local government and finance of the borough; to repeal the Dowlais Railway Act, 1849 and the Dowlais Railway Act, 1854; 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 trustees of a superannuation scheme established by Coras Iompair Eireann of certain assets comprised in the Fund of the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Corporation and for the cesser of membership of that Fund of the persons having an interest in the transferred assets; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer powers upon the Corporation of Rochdale with reference to lands and the acquisition thereof; to make further provision with regard to the water passenger transport and markets undertakings of the Corporation; to increase the cattle market tolls leviable by the Corporation; to authorise the supply of heat by means of hot water and steam; to make further provision in reference to the redemption of water annuities the health improvement local government and finances of the borough of Rochdale; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make provision for a site for an electrical generating station partly in the parish of Bold in the rural district of Whiston and partly in the borough of St. Helens in Lancashire; to authorise the construction of a pumping station sewer and other works; to confer further powers upon the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of St. Helens and to make further provision in regard to the health local government and improvement of that borough; 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 Shoreham Harbour Bill.

A Bill to empower the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the county borough of Smethwick to acquire lands in the borough; to make further provision with regard to their gas undertaking; to authorise the supply of heat by means of hot water and steam; and to make further provision for the health local government and improvement of the borough; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the University of Sheffield to acquire lands in the city of Sheffield and for purposes connected therewith, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make further and better provision Whinstable for the improvement health and local govern-ment of the urban district of Whistable; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Com- 有序推进 instrument declaring that a Copy of the undermentioned Statutory Instrument has yet to be laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a Copy has not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification) :—


Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Exchange directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Control, An Order, dated 2nd February 1948, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments) (French Franc Area) Order, 1948. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant Universities to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, and Colleges —Copy of a Scheme made by Exeter College, Oxford, for administering certain funds of the College.
Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Balliol College, Oxford, on the 3rd day of November 1947, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report by the Board of Trade on Companies, for the year ended the 31st day of December 1946.

Copies of Orders, dated 2nd February 1948, entitled—
1. the Fountain Pens (Maximum Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1948, and
2. the Utility Handkerchiefs (Maximum Prices) (No. 4) Order, 1948.

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 3rd February 1948, entitled the Carrots (1947 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948.

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 Ely Rural Housing Confirmation Order, 1947.

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 Goole Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1948.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &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 follows:

Your Committee have considered the Leather (Charges) (No. 1) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947 No. 2800), a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of January last, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to it, on the ground that it purports to have retrospective effect where the parent Statute confers no express authority so to provide.

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

Ordered, That the Reports which upon the 6th day of December last and the 27th day of January last were made from the Committee be printed.

Charles Stuart McFarlane, Esquire, O.B.E., Member for the Burgh of Glasgow (Camlachie Division), was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Cinematograph Films Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Obligation of exhibitors to show British films).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word "exhibited," to insert the words "(including therein a fair proportion of days falling within the last three days of each week)."

—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Determination of quotas of British films).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 12, after the first word "percentages," to insert the words "not being less than thirty-five per cent."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 22, to leave out the word "three," and insert the word "nine."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Supplementary provisions as to quotas).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 27, after the word "are," to insert the words "in the case of a long film, less than twenty shillings, and in the case of a short film."—(Mr. Dumpleton.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Exemption and relief of certain theatres and itinerant exhibitors).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 29, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. Levy.)

Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "films," in l. 30, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Supplementary provisions as to quotas).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 30, after the word "of," to insert the words "long films exhibited as first feature."—(Mr. Dumpleton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 38, to leave out the words "not being a special quota theatre."—(Earl Winterton.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Exemption and relief of certain theatres and itinerant exhibitors).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 39, to leave out the words "two."—(Mr. William Shepherd.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 1, at the end, to insert the words "or (c) that it
is his practice to change the programme at the theatre twice or more each week.”—(Mr. Janney.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Circuit theatres, etc.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 31, to leave out the words “ two hundred,” and insert the words “ twenty.”—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

Question, That the words “ two hundred” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 41, to leave out the word “ Board,” and insert the words “ Cinematograph Films Council.”—(Mr. Walter Fletcher.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 42, after the word “ being,” to insert the words “ films independently produced, and.”—(Mr. Keeling.)

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

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

“ ( ) The conditions of any such licence as aforesaid shall not require that any film shall be exhibited in a larger number of theatres than appears to the Board normally exhibit the same film.”—(Mr. Keeling.)

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

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

“ (a) that the theatre was controlled by that person on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; and
(b) that any arrangements in force for securing that the films exhibited at that theatre are the same as those exhibited at other theatres controlled by that person were also in force on the said date.”—(Mr. Wilson.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 25, at the end, to add the words “ unless it is shown to their satisfaction—

(a) that the theatre was controlled by that person on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; and
(b) that any arrangements in force for securing that the films exhibited at that theatre are the same as those exhibited at other theatres controlled by that person were also in force on the said date.”—(Mr. Wyatt.)

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

Proposed words amended, in l. 4, by leaving out the word “ January,” and inserting the word “ September,” and in l. 5, by leaving out the word “ forty-eight,” and inserting the word “ forty-seven.”—(Mr. Wyatt)—and, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Charging of rentals for registered films).

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Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words “ and in the case of all British films registered as exhibitors’ quota films, with the exception of those films exhibited as first feature films, the exhibitor shall pay to the renter in respect of each reel of film shown on any one day in any one theatre a sum of money equal to not less than a percentage of the net daily box office takings, such percentage to be fixed by the Board of Trade from time to time after consultation with the Cinematograph Films Council.”—(Mr. Dumpton.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Composition of Cinematograph Films Council).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 8, to leave out the word “ five,” and insert the word “ seven.”—(Mr. Walter Fletcher.)

Question, That the word “ five” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Snow.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Robert Young 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. Snow reported from the Committee on Animals Animals [Money], a Resolution; which was read, [Money]; as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the period during which payments may be made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, in connection with the eradication of bovine tuberculosis, and to amend the Horse Breeding Act, 1918, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in—

(a) the sums to be paid thereout into the Diseases of Animals Account to defray expenses under section twenty of the Agriculture Act, 1937; and
(b) the sums to be paid thereout to defray expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Horse Breeding Act, 1918.

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

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

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

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Governor-General on the Administration, Finances and Conditions of the Sudan in 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Governor-General on the Administration, Finances and Conditions of the Sudan in 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st January 1948, further amending the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 6th March 1940, which made provision for (i) the superannuation of officers appointed to pensionable posts under the Air Ministry in substitution for Royal Air Force Officers, and (ii) the granting of awards for injury or death attributable to service in such posts.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd February 1948, entitled the Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 8) Order, 1948.

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 27th January 1948, entitled the South Lincolnshire Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1948, 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.

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

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<td>Mr. Glenvil Hall, supported by Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Isaacs, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to pensions and other similar payments to be made to and in respect of persons who have been in certain employment, 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.</td>
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Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Accounting Officer of the Vote for the Supreme Court on behalf of the Admiralty (1939-47) Division in Prize for the period from the 3rd day of September 1939 to the 31st day of March 1947, with a Copy of a Letter from the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Cinematograph Films Bill into a Committee on the Cinematograph Films Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 8 (Composition of Cinematograph Films Council).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 12, at the end, to add the words—

"(c) there shall be a Committee of the Council, to be called the Cinematograph Films Advisory Committee (Scotland), to which all matters affecting films to be shown in Scotland shall stand referred. It shall consist of five independent members to be appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland, four members representing makers of British films and four members representing exhibitors of British films."—(Colonel Gomme-Duncan.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 10 amended, and agreed to.

First Schedule.

Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 52, at the end, to insert the words—

"In subsection (1), after the word 'making,' there shall be inserted the words 'renting or exhibiting'; for the words 'that business,' there shall be substituted the words 'the making, renting or exhibiting of any films at any place where that business is carried on'; and after the word 'employer,' there shall be inserted the words 'or any organisation representative of persons carrying on the business of making, renting or exhibiting films, as the case may be.'

In subsection (3), for the words 'later date,' there shall be substituted the words 'other date, not being earlier than, the date on which the dispute to which the award relates first arose.'"

—(Mr. Wilson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 17, at the end, to insert the words—

"In subsection (2), for the words 'have regard to,' there shall be substituted the words 'award terms not less favourable than those contained in.'"

—(Mr. Levy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words there inserted.

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Second Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

Resolved, That the Leather (Charges) (No. 1) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2800), dated 30th December 1947, 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 20th day of January last, be approved. —(Mr. Belcher.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Touche Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Animals Bill, and Mr. Thurtle Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Bill.

[No. 57.]

Thursday, 5th February, 1948.

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 Public Accounts the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March, 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 4th February 1948, authorising the temporary application of surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year 1946-47 to meet deficits on other Army Votes for the same year.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, pursuant to Foreign the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the Foreign Service Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Universities the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Oxford and Cambridge, and a Statute made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, on the 19th day of November 1947, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

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

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

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Education the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th February 1948, entitled the Educational Conferences Amending Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Defence) Act, 1939, and Section 5 of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of January last, be approved. —(Mr. Belcher.)
The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act 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 1946:—And Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same year in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the County Court Funds Investment Account, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts 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 Princess Elizabeth’s and Duke of Edinburgh’s Annuities Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the provisions of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, as to the number of divisions in which the Court of Appeal may sit; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Bowles reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Local Government Bill (except Part II), and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Requisitioned Land and War Works 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. 7, p. 5, l. 32, Clause No. 8, p. 5, l. 39 and 42, and p. 6, l. 6, Clause No. 9, p. 7, l. 35, 37 and 48, Clause No. 10, p. 8, l. 16 and 28, and of the new Clauses (Compensation for injurious affection) and (Compensation for lost pending rehabilitation), standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Peake, and of the Amendment to Clause No. 11, p. 9, l. 30, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Turton.—(Mr. Peake.)

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. 7 (Maxima for rental compensation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words "unless the land is land to which section eighty of the said Act of 1947 applies."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Application of provisions as to rental compensation where land requisitioned before commencement of Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 39, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. Peake.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, 244.],
Mr. Joseph Henderson: 123.

Tellers for the [Major Conani, Noes, Brigadier Mackeson : 123.]

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Amount of compensation in respect of making good requisitioned land).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 35, after the word "or," to insert the words "from the end of the period for which possession of the land is retained in the exercise of emergency powers, whichever is the later of:"—(Mr. Turton.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Yeas, 118.],
Mr. Joseph Henderson: 248.

Tellers for the [Major Conani, Noes, Mr. Hannan : 123.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 37, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Peake.)

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

Another Amendment proposed in p. 7, l. 48, at the end, to insert the words—
"(4) Where an application under either of the two last preceding subsections is not made before the expiration of six months from the commencement of this Act then unless the authority by which the rental compensation is payable shall show to the authority to which an application is to be made under either of the said last two preceding subsections that a notice in writing addressed to the person to whom such rental compensation is payable was delivered to such person before the expiration of the said period of six months the authority to which an application is to be made under either of the last two preceding subsections shall receive and consider an application as aforesaid notwithstanding that it is made after the expiration of the said period of six months from the commencement of this Act."—(Mr. Peake.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Minor amendments as to compensation for taking possession of land).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 28, at the end, to insert the words "or the amount of the expense actually incurred or reasonably to be incurred in the rehabilitation of the land whichever is the greater."—(Mr. Turton.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Yeas, 90.],
Major Ramsay: 251.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge, Noes, Mr. Wilkins : 251.]

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 11 (Permanent power to maintain Government oil pipe-lines).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words—

" (2) The following provisions shall be added after 'land,' in the sixth line of paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section two of the Act of 1939—

'or in a case where land is agricultural land, a sum equal to the amount of the loss or expense directly attributable to the requisitioning, provided that compensation shall be payable in such case of an amount equal to two years rent of the holding at the rate at which rent was payable immediately before the requisitioning without proof of any such loss or expense, and that the tenant shall not be entitled to compensation in excess of five years rent of the holding'"—

(Mr. Turton.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.


Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Wilkins : 236.

Clause agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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. 2, l. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that nothing in this subsection shall extend any power of a Minister to acquire any land, or any easement over or right restrictive of the user of any land, or to retain or authorise the retention of possession of any land, or to maintain and use, or authorise the maintenance and use of, or to do, or remove, any works upon any land, being land which forms part of any common or open space vested in, or under the control and management of, any local authority."—(Mr. Sargood.)

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. 29, by leaving out the word "Whether" and inserting the words "Where"—(Mr. Manningham-Buller),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put That the word "Whether" 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. 1, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that where the owners and occupiers of the land to be acquired do not assent to the proposed acquisition the Minister shall not express himself as so satisfied until a public local enquiry has been held and he has considered the report made by the person holding the enquiry."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that nothing in this subsection shall authorise the acquisition of land to which subsection (2) of this section extends."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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. 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that the power of acquisition shall not be exercisable under this subsection in respect of any land where the owner of such land assents in writing to the adjustment required or recommended by the said Minister."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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. 19, by leaving out from the beginning to the second word "of," and inserting the words "in the application of the said section fifteen of the Act of 1945 to any highway under the foregoing subsection and for the purposes"—(Mr. Manningham-Buller),—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.

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. Secretary Ede reported from the Committee on Post Office and Telegraph [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, to provide for raising further money for the development of the postal, telegraphic and telephone systems and the repayment to the Post Office Fund of moneys applied therefor for such development, it is expedient—

(i) to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole seventy-five million pounds, as may be required for the purposes of such development or of such repayment;—
(ii) to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of terminable annuities, for the purpose of providing money for sums so authorised to be issued, or for repaying to the Consolidated Fund all or any part of the sums so issued, and to authorise payment into the Exchequer of any sums so borrowed;—
(iii) to provide for the payment of such terminable annuities out of moneys provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, or, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Popplewell, 196. Mr. Wilkins: 17.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Benson, Mr. William Wells: 17.

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 the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 2) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2710), dated 19th December, 1947, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1949, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Ordered, That Mr. Granville Sharp be discharged from the Select Committee on Hybrid Bills (Procedure in Committee); and that Mr. Anthony Greenwood be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

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

[No. 58.]

Friday, 6th February, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Supreme Court (Prize, &c., Deposit Account, 1939-47). 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 Caterham and Warlingham,
(2) the Urban District of Haverhill,
(3) the Urban District of Mablethorpe and Sutton,
(4) the Urban District of St. Neots,
Resolved, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd February 1948, entitled the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Scotland) Order, 1948.

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 on the Warwick Corporation Bill [Lords].

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

The Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next ; and to be printed.

Mr. Tomlinson, supported by Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. James Griffiths and Mr. Harman, presented a Bill to amend the Education Acts, 1899 and 1908, the provisions of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, as to children incapable of receiving education, and the provision of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, as to the minimum age of employment ; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next ; and to be printed.

The Army and Air Force (Women's Service) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The Police Pensions Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. 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 Police Pensions [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 as to the pensions to be paid to and in respect of members of police forces and as to the length of the period of their service, to amend and repeal with savings certain statutory provisions relating to the pensions to be paid to and in respect of members of police forces and as to the length of their service, 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 so to be paid by regulations made under the said Act in respect of persons who are or have been such persons as are mentioned in subsection (1) of section one of the Police (Overseas Service) Act, 1945, and of persons whose salary or remuneration is or was wholly or partly payable out of moneys so provided or who are or may become entitled to or eligible for pensions so payable ;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums required to be so paid by such regulations as aforesaid in respect of such persons as aforesaid.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Sir Robert Young 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 Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse 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 Sir Robert Young reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

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

And the Question having been proposed after Four of the clock, the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.
[No. 59.]

Monday, 9th February, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Ascot Race Course Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

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

The St. Helens Corporation (Electricity and General Powers) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

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

The University of Sheffield (Lands) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the First and Second Days (the 15th day of June and the 16th day of July 1947).

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

Mr. Glenski Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of Crown Lands, for the year ending the 31st day of March 1947, 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, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order entitled the Summer Time Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Annex to the Protocol on the Establishment of a Four-Power Naval Commission, the Disposal of Excess Units of the Italian Fleet, and the Return by the Soviet Union of Warships on Loan, signed at Paris on the 10th day of February 1947 (with explanatory Note).

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Air Estimates, Majesty's Command,—Estimates for the Air Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th February 1948, entitled the Textile Woven Cloth (Cotton Rayon and Linen) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th February 1948, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (Amendment) (No. 8) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to Agriculture, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th February 1948, entitled the Agriculture (Transfer of Functions to Minister) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th February 1948, entitled the Agriculture (Transfer of Functions to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Government Superannuation. A Scheme made by the Farnworth 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. Buchanan presented, pursuant to the Pensions directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 6th February 1948, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) Scheme, 1948.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to Agriculture, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th February 1948, entitled the Agriculture (Transfer of Functions to Minister) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th February 1948, entitled the Agriculture (Transfer of Functions to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Government Superannuation. A Scheme made by the Farnworth 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note that the appointed day for the National Health Service has been fixed for 5th July; welcomes the coming into force on that date of this measure which offers to all sections of the community comprehensive medical care and treatment and lays for the first time a sound foundation for the health of the people; and is satisfied that the conditions under which all the professions concerned are invited to participate are generous and fully in accord with their traditional freedom and dignity.—(Mr. Bevan); An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 8, by leaving out from the word "people," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "but declines to prejudice in any way the right of individuals in all the professions concerned to express their opinions freely, according to their traditions, and in the interest of their patients, upon the terms and conditions of service under the proposed National Health Scheme"—(Mr. Law), in stead thereof
The National Health Service (Scotland) (Superannuation) Regulations, 1948, proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for Scotland under subsection (1) of Section 66 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, a copy of which Regulations was presented on the 20th day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Robertson.)

Adjourned debates.

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

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

[No. 60.]

Tuesday, 10th February, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

The Cardiff Corporation (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

The Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the London County Council (General Powers) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ipswich Corporation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merthyr Tydfil Corporation Bill;

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

The Order made upon the 30th day of January last, That the Paper relative to Acquisition of Land do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

The Order made upon the 30th day of January last, That the Paper relative to Acquisition of Land (Scotland) do lie upon the Table was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled United Kingdom Balance of Payments (1946 and 1947).

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th February 1948, entitled the Acquisition of Land (Claims for adjustment of compensation for War Damaged Land) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 5th February 1948, entitled the Acquisition of Land (Claims for adjustment of compensation for War Damaged Land) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 9th February 1948, Exchange Control

(1) the Exchange Control (Payments) (Japan) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Exchange Control (Payments) (China and Formosa) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th February 1948, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Dugdale presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimates for the Navy, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.  
Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of

Supplies and Services (Apparel and Textiles).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilfrid Paling presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation, for the year ending the 31st day of March 1947.

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

Mr. Gatissell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th February 1948, entitled the Electricity (Vesting Date) Order, 1948.

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 an Order, dated 6th February 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations, 1948.

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 Overseas Resources Development Bill, without any Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas 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. Snow.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed 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 Witham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 6th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Wenlock, a copy of which Order was presented on the 6th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Haverhill, a copy of which Order was presented on the 6th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Mablethorpe and Sutton, a copy of which Order was presented on the 6th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 St. Neots, a copy of which Order was presented on the 6th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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

[No. 61.]

Wednesday, 11th February, 1948.

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 in Northern Ireland to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Armagh, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William James Allen, K.B.E., D.S.O., deceased.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rochdale Corporation Bill;

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

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account up to the 31st day of December 1947, showing the Total Sums issued and applied by virtue of the Turkish Loan Act, 1855, for Interest as guaranteed by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria and for Management of the Imperial Ottoman Guaranteed Loan of 1855, and also of the Total Repayments in respect of Advances under the said Act.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Rules, dated 11th February 1948, entitled—
(1) the Police War Reserve Rules, 1948, and
(2) the Women’s Auxiliary Police Corps Rules, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 20th February 1948, entitled the Footwear Repairs (Maximum Charges) Order, 1948.
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 Registrar-General’s Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1945 (New Annual Series, No. 25), Tables, Part II, Civil.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Regulations, dated 20th February 1948, entitled the Electricity (Pensions Scheme) Regulations, 1948.
Copies of Orders, dated 10th February 1948, entitled—
(1) the Electricity Supply (Relaxation of Obligations) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Electricity (Price Control) Order, 1948.
Copy of an Order, dated 10th February 1948, entitled the Motor Fuel (Propane, Butane) Order, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, 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, 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee F, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings in Committee on Gas [Money] 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. Richard Adams: 272.
Noes, Mr. Studholme: 179.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Gas Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the Gas 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 the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Elliot.)
And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question—

A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral Royal Assent. Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:
Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.
Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;
Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:


And the Question being put, That the word Gas Bill, "now" stand part of the Question:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Robert Taylor: 354.
Tellers for the Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Noes, Mr. Drewe: 179.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, by His Majesty’s Gas [Money].
Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Gas [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 Area Gas Boards, and a Gas Council and for the exercise and performance by those Boards and that Council of
functions relating to the supply of gas, 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 Council or the principal of and interest on moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Council or any Area Gas 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 two hundred and fifty 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 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 in connection with the final payment of dividends and interest to holders of securities of gas undertakers;
(iii) remuneration and allowances to, and pensions to or in respect of, persons appointed under the said Act to examine gas meters or to test gas;
(iv) compensation in respect of the vesting in the Minister under the said Act of apparatus and equipment used for examining and stamping gas meters;
(v) fees and allowances to any referee or board of referees appointed under the said Act to decide questions relating to pension rights or compensation of or in respect of officers, and allowances to witnesses appearing before any referee or board;
(vi) 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;
(vii) the administrative expenses incurred under the said Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department;
(c) the payment into the Exchequer of—
(i) any moneys standing on the vesting date under the said Act to the credit of the gas fund established under the Gas Regulation Act, 1926;
(ii) any sums received under or by virtue of the said first-mentioned Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department.—(Mr. Glenthi Hall.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 22, to leave out the words "two hundred and fifty" and insert the words "one hundred."—(Mr. Digby.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 301.
Mr. Simmons,
Mr. Richard Adams : 301.
Tellers for the Noes, 140.
Major Conant,
Brigadier Mackeson : 140.

Main Question put and agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rationing (Personal Points) Services (Food Rationing), Order, 1947 (Amendment) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O., 1947, No. 2786), dated 24th December 1947, a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of January last, be annulled—(Mr. James Reid);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 12th February, 1948:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. William Scott, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter: 39.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Wilkins: 205.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 Standing Order, it being then eight minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[No. 62.]

Thursday, 12th February, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Order made upon the 20th day of Police,
January last, That the Paper relative to Police do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Statutory to the Lord Chancellor and to Mr. Instruments. Speaker from the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee, signifying that the notification required by paragraph (3) of Regulation 11 of the Statutory Instruments Regulations, 1947, need not be given in respect of future Deposited Schedules to Instruments of the classes to which the Control of Iron and
Steel (No. 62) Order, 1948, and the Control of Bolts, Nuts, Screws, Screw Studs, Washers and Rivets (No. 15) Order, 1948, severally belong.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Third Day (the 15th day of October 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 Scheme entitled the Mid-Wales Police (Amalgamation) Scheme, 1948, with Report by His Honour Judge O. Temple Morris, K.C., of an Inquiry into the Proposed Compulsory Amalgamation of the County Police Forces of Breconshire, Montgomeryshire and Radnorshire, held at the Assize Court, Brecon, on the 10th and the 17th day of September 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimates for the Army for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.

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

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate for the Ministry of Defence for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Twelfth Annual Report of the Herring Industry Board, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th February 1948, entitled the Electricity (Vesting of Assets) Regulations, 1948.

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 February 1948, entitled the Chocolate, Sugar Confectionery and Cocoa Products (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1944 (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 158 relating to Private Business (Report by Attorney General in case of Bill affecting any charity or educational foundation).—Report by him on the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords].

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

Mr. Butcher reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the National Assistance 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (1st allotted Day).

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 State of the Nation, “That,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House views with grave concern the present state of the Nation and would welcome any well-chosen measures designed to check inflation and to restore the economic prosperity of the country”—(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;

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

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 63.]

Friday, 13th February, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report of the Proceedings of the Second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, held in New York from the 16th day of September to the 29th day of November 1947.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Universities of the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford, on the 28th day of October 1947, 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 an Order, dated 12th February 1948, entitled the Growing of Seed Crops (Control) Order, 1948.

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

The following Accounts, 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 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

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

An Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 37, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and that the percentages prescribed therein for each of the purposes hereinbefore mentioned shall not be less than the percentages prescribed by the order to be made under subsection (1) of this section."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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. 3, l. 34, by inserting, after the word "A," the word "short."—(Mr. Scott-Elliot.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "short" 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. 5, l. 27, by leaving out the word "Board," and inserting the words "Cinematograph Films Council"—(Mr. Walter Fletcher), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "Board," stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 24, by leaving out the second word "each," and inserting the words "and (d) four members shall be appointed as representing persons employed by makers, renters or exhibitors of British films instead of two members representing persons employed by makers of British films.

(a) Any committee of the Council may include persons who are not members of the Council, and any such committee may co-opt as additional members of the committee such persons, whether members of the Council or not, as the committee may determine—(Mr. Wilson), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "each," 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, by leaving out paragraph (2).—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

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 Army and Air Force (Women's Service) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power to raise women's land and air forces).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "women," to insert the words "to a number not exceeding one thousand."—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Application to women of the Army and Air Force Acts, and interpretation and adaptation of those and other enactments).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 25, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that no Court Martial shall impose a sentence on women in imprisonment in a Military Prison or Detention Barracks."—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.

A Clause (Right of women to resign from forces on giving notice)—(Mr. Emrys Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Secretary Ede, by His Majesty's Com- mand, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of
the Motion relating to Animals [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 extend the period during which payments may be made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, in connection with the eradication of bovine tuberculosis, and to amend the Horse Breeding Act, 1918, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums to be paid thereout to defray expenses of the Secretary of State under the Horse Breeding Act, 1918. (Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

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 now received.

Mr. Joseph Henderson accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the period during which payments may be made under the Agriculture Act, 1937, in connection with the eradication of bovine tuberculosis, and to amend the Horse Breeding Act, 1918, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums to be paid thereout to defray expenses of the Secretary of State under the Horse Breeding Act, 1918. (Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

Resolution to be reported.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Henderson); And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Adjournment.

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

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

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 1948.

Soane's Museum.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People Bill;

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Road Vehicles.

Resolved, That the Brighton Corporation Act, 1931, Modification Order, 1947 (S.R. & O. No. 2843), dated 30th December 1947, made by the Minister of Transport under section 95 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, as applied by Section 114 of the Brighton Corporation Act, 1931, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

Gas (Special Orders).

Resolved, That the draft of the Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power, under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Goole, which was presented on the 3rd day of December last, and published, be approved.—(Mr. Callaghan.)

Electricity (Special Orders).

Resolved, That the Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, and confirmed by the Minister of Fuel and Power, in respect of part of the rural district of Skipton in the West Riding of the County of York, a copy of which Order was presented on the 20th day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of a Summary of the main provisions of the British Nationality Bill [Lords].

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 Urban District of Litherland,
(2) the Urban District of Tavistock,
(3) the Borough of Tewkesbury, and
(4) the Borough of Thetford.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series No. 90, 1947. Copy of a Supplemen-

tary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, &c., 1947.


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

Mr. Secretary Jones, presented, by His Colonies (Higher Education). Copy of a Report by the Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies for the year 1946–47.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Air Estimates, Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1947–48. Navy Command.—Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, by His British Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Summary of the main provisions of the British Nationality Bill [Lords].

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series No. 90, 1947. Copy of a Supplemen-

tary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, &c., 1947.


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

Mr. Secretary Jones, presented, by His Colonies (Higher Education). Copy of a Report by the Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies for the year 1946–47.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Air Estimates, Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1947–48. Navy Command.—Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

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 Governing Body of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, on the 28th day of November 1947, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 15) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Merchant Navy Uniforms) (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 17th February 1948, entitled—

(1) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 84) Order, 1948,
(2) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 85) Order, 1948,
(3) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 86) Order, 1948, and
(4) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 87) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 17th February 1948, entitled the Cotton (Single Yarn) (Prices) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Brown presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th February 1948, entitled the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of—

(1) the County Borough of Middlesbrough, and
(2) the South Yorkshire and Derbyshire Gas Company.

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

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

Copy of Rules, dated 4th February 1948, entitled the Chancery of Lancaster (Exchange Control) Rules, 1948.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., have leave to report the Minutes of their Proceedings.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee:

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Elliot, Commander Coldraith, and Mr. Oliver Poole; and had appointed in substitution Captain Crookshank, Sir Thomas Dugdale and Mr. Lennox-Boyd.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had added the following twenty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Animals Bill): Mr. Alpass, Mr. George Brown, Lieutenant-Colonel Clifton-Brown, Lieutenant-Colonel Corbett, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Gooch, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Hicks, Mr. John Morrison, Mr. Paget, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Pimlott, Mr. Price, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Mr. David Thomas, Mr. Vane, Mr. David Williams, Mr. Gerald Williams, Mr. Thomas Williams and Lord Willoughby de Eresby.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Mr. Eliot, Mr. Law and Mr. Wadsworth; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bowen, Sir Patrick Hanna and Mr. Oliver Poole.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had added the following twenty-nine Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Bill): Mrs. Braddock, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Challen, Mr. Daines, Mr. Forman, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Goodrich, Mr. James Griffiths, Mr. Guy, Mr. Gwenn Hall, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Lee, Mr. Macht, Sir John Mellor, Mr. Mikardo, Mr. Molson, Mr. Mott, Mr. Odey, Mr. Popham, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Mrs. Ridealgh, Mr. Emrys Roberts, Mr. Harold Roberts, Sir Arthur Salter, Mr. Scoland, Mr. Sutcliffe, Mr. Swinger, Mr. Bernard Taylor and Sir George Harvie Watt.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had appointed the following twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee D: Mr. Brachen, Mr. Chater, Colonel Clarke, Colonel Crosswaite-Eyre, Mr. Harold Davies, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Ewart, Mr. Fairhurst, Mr. Grey, Mr. Irwin, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Murray, Mr. Neale, Mr. Perrins, Mr. Snape, Mr. Peter Roberts, Mr. Sylvestor, Mr. Titterington, Mr. Wadsworth and Mr. Walden.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had appointed the following twenty-eight Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Gas Bill): Mr. Amory, Sir John Barlow, Mr. Berry, Mr. Birch, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. Digby, Mr. John Evans, Mr. John Foster, Mr. Gaitskell, Mr. Gilzean, Mr. Gwenn Hall, Miss Heribison, Captain Hewitson, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Jennings, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Francis Noel-Baker, Mr. Oldfield, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Pitman, Mr. Edward Porter, Mr. Pryde, Mr. Robins, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Thornton-Kemsley and Mr. Henry White.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed of the People yesterday, That the Representation of the People Bill be now read a second time:—

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—

The Nays to the Left.
Mr. Popplewell reported from the Committee on Gas [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 Area Gas Boards and a Gas Council and for the exercise and performance by those Boards and that Council of functions relating to the supply of gas, 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 Council or the principal of and interest on moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Council or any Area Gas 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 two hundred and fifty 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 moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) remuneration and allowances to, and expenses of, stockholders' representatives appointed under the said Act;

(ii) any sums received under or by virtue of the said first-mentioned Act to a deputy appointed by a registration officer;

(iii) any expenses under that Act in connection with the registration of electors, and pensions to or in respect of, persons appointed under the said Act to examine gas meters or to test gas;

(iv) compensation in respect of the vesting in the Minister under the said Act of apparatus and equipment used for examining and stamping gas meters;

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

(vi) any moneys standing on the vesting date under the said Act to the credit of the gas fund established under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920;

(vii) the administrative expenses incurred under the said Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of—

(i) any moneys standing on the vesting date under the said Act to the credit of the gas fund established under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920;

(ii) any sums received under or by virtue of the said first-mentioned 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 proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Popplewell)—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 Standing Order, it being then fourteen 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 Gas Bill to Standing Committee D.

[No. 66.]

Wednesday, 18th February, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

London County Council (General Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the 26th day of this instant February.

Rochdale Corporation Bill.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th February 1948, entitled the Colonial Development Corporation Regulations, 1948.

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

Overseas Resources Development.

Mr. Secretary Dunn presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1948-49.

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

Navy Estimates, 1948-49.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of the further sum required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

Copy of a Memorandum of the Secretary of State for War relating to the Navy Estimates, 1948-49.

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 Estimate be printed.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland of his Proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act, as applied by Section 5 of the Harbours, Piers, and Ferries (Scotland) Act, 1937, in the year ended the 31st day of January 1948.

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 246 Universities (No. 50 of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen) (Granting of Degrees: Amendment of University Court Ordinance No. CIV: Aberdeen No. 14).

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th February 1948, entitled the Control of Sulphuric Acid (No. 4) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local Government Act, 1948—Copy of a Statement relating to the Control of Sulphuric Acid (No. 4) Order, 1948.

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 (1948).

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 Post Office and Telegraph [Money] Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Requisitioned Land and War Works 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,

Tellers for the Noes,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Government Bill, as amended in Standing Committee B and in the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills;

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 following Amendments standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan or of
Mr. Secretary Woodburn, that is to say, Clause No. 6, p. 5, l. 41, and p. 6, ll. 8 and 11, Clause No. 7, p. 6, l. 21, Clause No. 10, p. 7, l. 20, Clause No. 22, p. 14, ll. 31, 44 and 47, Clause No. 23, p. 15, l. 10, Clause No. 31, p. 19, l. 44, Clause No. 54, p. 34, l. 41, Clause No. 70, p. 41, ll. 19, 31, 34 and 37, Clause No. 72, p. 42, l. 3, Clause No. 74, p. 45, l. 31, and Clause No. 75, p. 46, l. 8, 12 and 28, Clause No. 76, p. 46, ll. 42, 44 and 46, and p. 47, l. 5, Clause No. 77, p. 47, l. 21, Clause No. 78, p. 48, l. 47, Clause No. 79, p. 48, l. 23, Clause No. 83, p. 51, ll. 23, 25 and 29, Clause No. 85, p. 53, l. 42, and p. 54, l. 24, Clause No. 90, p. 55, l. 10, Clause No. 93, p. 60, l. 19, 31, 34 and 37, Clause No. 72, p. 43, l. 33, Clause No. 83, p. 67, l. 21, Clause No. 71, p. 41, ll. 46, l. 62, ll. 37, 41 and 48, and p. 63, ll. 17, 19, 25 and 30, Clause No. 109, p. 73, ll. 35 and 38, and p. 74, ll. 19 and 22, Clause No. 122, p. 84, l. 21, Clause No. 124, p. 84, l. 46, and Clause No. 137, p. 94, l. 7 and of the new Clauses (Advertising stations to be separate hereditaments in certain cases), (Assessment of certain buildings occupied in parts) (Hereditaments shown as railway hereditaments, &c., but not in fact occupied by British Transport Commission) and (Provision of entertainments) and of the amendments in the First Schedule, p. 95, l. 12, the Second Schedule, p. 97, l. 17, p. 98, l. 3, p. 100, ll. 41 and 51, and p. 101, ll. 7 and 28—(Mr. Bevan):—

The Question was amended by adding, at the end thereof, the words " and in respect of the Amendment in Clause No. 3, p. 2, l. 28, of Clause No. 11, of the Amendments to Clause No. 100, p. 66, l. 39, and p. 67, ll. 3, 4 and 5, and of the new Clause (Employment of valuers by local authorities) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Elliot; in respect of the new Clause (War memorials) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Amory; in respect of Amendment in Clause No. 3, p. 2, l. 40, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Piratin; in respect of Clauses Nos. 81 to 104, and of the new Clause (Static portions of electricity undertakings to remain rateable) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Sir John Mellor; in respect of the new Clauses (Rating of owners instead of occupiers) and (Transfer of road property and liabilities) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Thomas Lewis; in respect of the Amendment in Clause No. 11, p. 7, l. 38, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Piratin; in respect of the new Clause (Allowance to sherrif) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Colonel Wheatley; and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 116, p. 80, l. 27, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Pargiter:—

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 (Meaning of "standard rateable value.")

Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 28, to leave out from the word " than," to the end of the subsection, and insert the words "one hundred and fifty, by the percentage represented by the proportion which the difference between the population thereof and one hundred and fifty bears to one hundred and fifty."—(Mr. Turton.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas, Mr. Simmons \\
Mr. Major Conant, Mr. Joseph Henderson \\
Mr. John Pargiter, Mr. Studholme"

Noes, 117

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 6, 7 and 10 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 11 (Discontinuance of burden payments on changes of boundary).

Amendment proposed in p. 7, l. 38, at the end, to insert the words "if immediately before the said change an equalisation grant was payable to that authority."—(Mr. Turton.)

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. Simmons, Yeas,  265.
    Mr. Richard Adams :  132.
    Major Conant, 22, 23, 24, 54, 70 to 72, and 74 to 78, amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 79 (Continuation of s. 2 of Rating and Valuation Act, 1928).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 49, l. 23, at the end, to add the words—

"(2) The Minister may by order provide that, in the case of hereditaments of such classes as may be specified in the order, being hereditaments consisting of houses or buildings without land other than gardens, the deduction or surcharge made to be made from the gross annual value for the purpose of arriving at the net annual value shall, instead of being ascertained by reference to Part I of the Second Schedule to the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, or by reference to the Third Schedule to the Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869, as the case may be, be such as may be specified in the order in relation to those classes respectively.

(3) An order under the last preceding subsection may be revoked or varied by a subsequent order of the Minister.

(4) Before any order is made under subsection (2) or subsection (3) of this section, a draft thereof shall be laid before each House of Parliament, and the order shall not be made until approved by resolution of each House."—(Mr. John Edwards.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 13, after the word "such," to insert the words "greater deduction."—(Mr. Oliver Poole.)

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

Proposed words there added.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 83, 85, 91, 93 and 94 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 100 (Temporary grants by county councils to county district councils, parish councils, etc., in certain cases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 66, l. 39, to leave out the word "nine," and insert the word "fourteen."—(Mr. Elliot.)

Question put, That the word "nine," stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the  Mr. Joseph Henderson, Yeas,  279.
    Mr. Wilkins :  114.
    Lieutenant-Colonel
    Thorp;
    Major Ramsey :

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 109 (Bodies by whom payments by way of allowances are to be made).

Amendment proposed, in p. 73, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Where, by or under any statutory provision other than this part of this Act, a body to which this Part of this Act applies has power to defray the expenses incurred by the members of the body on account of travelling for the purposes of the performance of approved duties as members of the body, or otherwise to relieve the members of the body from the burden of meeting those expenses that statutory provision shall cease to have effect in relation to the members of the body, but subject as aforesaid nothing in this Part of this Act shall affect any such statutory provision provided that where a local education authority in England and Wales or an education authority in Scotland incur expenditure under this Part of this Act in paying or contributing towards the expenses of a member thereof on account of travelling for the purpose of attending a conference, being a conference in respect of which the authority is authorised to incur expenditure by or under section eighty-three of the Education Act, 1944, or, as the case may be, section twenty-eight of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1946, the first-mentioned expenditure shall, for the purposes of determining the amount of any sum payable to the authority out of moneys provided by Parliament, or out of the Education (Scotland) Fund, be deemed to have been incurred under the Education Acts, 1944 and 1946, or, as the case may be, the Education (Scotland) Act, 1946."—(Mr. John Edwards.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 7, after the word "statutory," to insert the words "or other."—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Proposed words there inserted.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 116 (Provisions as to precepts for expenses of Metropolitan Police).

Amendment proposed in p. 80, l. 27, at the end, to add the words—

"As from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the expenses of and incidental to the Metropolitan Police Courts which under section one of the Metropolitan Police Courts Act, 1897, are to be paid out of the Metropolitan Police Fund and all sums in relation to probation officers and to the probation of offenders in the County of London payable out of that fund shall be charged only on the Administrative County of London and not upon any other rating area wholly or partly within the Metropolitan Police District, and the precepts to the rating authorities in the said County of London shall be issued so as to secure that the said expenses and sums shall be levied as an additional rate on the said County of London."—(Mr. Pargiter.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 122, 124 and 137 amended, and agreed to.
A Clause (Advertising stations to be separate hereditaments in certain cases)—(Mr. Bevan)—brought up and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Assessment of certain buildings occupied in parts)—(Mr. John Edwards)—brought up and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Hereditaments shown as railway hereditaments, &c., but not in fact occupied by British Transport Commission)—(Mr. Bevan)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed in l. 6, after the word "is," to insert the words "or since the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six has been."—(Mr. Oliver Poole.)

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

Clause added.

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

Another Clause (Provision of entertainments) brought up, and read the first time.

Consideration of the proposed Clause postponed till after the Second Schedule.—(Mr. Bevan.)

Another Clause (Employment of valuers by local authorities)—(Mr. Elliot)—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 (War Memorials)—(Mr. Oliver Poole)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Static portions of electricity undertakings to remain rateable)—(Sir John Mellor)—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 (Transfer of road property undertakings to remain rateable) (Mr. Cristall)—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Assessment of certain build-
ings occupied by the British Transport) (Mr. Bevan) brought up, and read the first and second time.

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. 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Diamond Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Gas Bill.
Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries respecting Applications to, and the Proceedings of, the Minister under Part III of the Act (as amended by the Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938) during 1947.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th February 1948, entitled the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Gaitshill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th February 1948, entitled the Coal Mines (Winding and Haulage) General Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th February 1948, entitled the Gas Charges Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn 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 1947, namely, the British Transport Commission Order, the Church of Scotland Trust (Amendment) Order, the Inverness Burgh Extension, &c., Order, and the William Brown Nimmo Charitable Trust (Amendment) 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.

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

Copy of Rules, approved by the Church Assembly on the 3rd day of February 1948, entitled the Incumbents (Discipline) Rules, 1948.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (recommitted) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed Clause (Provision of entertainments) considered.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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

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


Then the House again resolved itself into Local Government (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in l. 7, to leave out the words "do, or."—(Sir William Darling.)

Question, That the words "do, or" stand part of the proposed Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out l. 4.—(Mr. Elliot.)

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

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Simmons: 279.
Mr. Richard Adams: 100.
Commander Agnew, Noes, Major Conant:

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 10, after the word "refreshments," to insert the words "excluding intoxicating liquor."—(Mr. James Hudson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 11, at the end, to insert the words—“Provided that a local authority shall not—
(a) provide for or arrange for the presentation of a stage play or for the exhibition of any cinematograph film except for or in connection with the advancement of art, education, drama, science, music or literature;
(b) exhibit within a period of twelve months after it is first generally released in Great Britain any cinematograph film which commonly forms the main item of a cinematograph entertainment."—(Mr. Challen.)
19th February.

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

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 37, after the word "exceed," to insert the words "a sum to be prescribed by the Minister which shall not in any case exceed."—(Commander Galbraith.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 38, to leave out the word "sixpence," and insert the word "threepence."—(Commander Galbraith.)

Question, That the words "sixpence" stand part of the proposed Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 38, to leave out the word "plus," and insert the word "or."—(Commander Galbraith.)

Question put, That the word "plus" stand part of the proposed Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Collindridge : 261.
Mr. Wilkins ;
Mr. Studholme ;
Mr. Strachey ;
Mr. Thorp ;
Tellers for the Noes, 84.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 52, to leave out the words "metropolitan borough."—(Mr. Challen.)

Question, That the words "metropolitan borough" stand part of the proposed Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 70, at the end, to insert the words—

"(8) No power conferred by this section shall be exercisable by any local authority except in pursuance of an order made by the Minister and approved by both Houses of Parliament."—(Commander Galbraith.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Studholme : 84.
Brigadier Mackeson ;
Mr. Wilkins ;
Mr. Turton.
Tellers for the Noes, 257.

Clause amended in l. 86, by leaving out paragraph (b), and in l. 93, by adding at the end the words—

"(9) No certificate shall be granted under the Licensing (Scotland) Acts, 1903 to 1934, for the sale of excisable liquor in any premises provided under this section in Scotland, but nothing in this subsection shall render it unlawful to grant under section forty of the Licensing (Scotland) Act, 1903, a special permission for an entertainment in any such premises."—(Mr. McKinlay.)

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, be added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. George Wallace : 255.
Mr. Snow ;
Mr. Major Conant ;
Mr. Turton ;
Mr. Studholme ;
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Mr. Turton ;
Mr. Strachey.

Tellers for the Noes, 76.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Sir Robert Young reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments and added several Clauses to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in Standing Committee B and in the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, and on recommittal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Appeals as to water rates)—(Mr. John Edwards)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Approval of Rate)—(Mr. Oliver Poole); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 12, by leaving out from the first word "by," to the end of l. 30, and inserting the words "any Act of the present Session"—(Mr. Walker-Smith),—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. 10, l. 37, by leaving out the words "in relation to any authority."—(Mr. Turton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 18, l. 31, by leaving out from the word "with," to the end of l. 32, and inserting the words "each local authority"—(Mr. Forman),—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 an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 21, l. 1, by inserting, after the word "that," the word "where."—(Mr. Elliot.)

And the Question being put, That the word "where," be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 21, l. 15, by leaving out subsection (5).—(Brigadier Prior-Palmer.)

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. 22, l. 13, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "in relation to any hereditament."—(Mr. Oliver Poole.)

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. 22, l. 20, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(d) in the case of a building or portion of a building occupied as a whole by the valuation in the list of that building or portion of a building as two or more hereditaments."—(Mr. Oliver Poole.)
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 35, l. 11, by leaving out from the word "be," to the end of l. 12, and inserting the word "prescribed"—(Brigadier Prior-Palmer)—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. 43, l. 29, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(4) Any person or local authority who is or are aggrieved by any statement prepared by the Minister as aforesaid may, within twenty-one days from the date of the making of the said statement, appeal to the tribunal by which disputes fall to be determined under section one of the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919, and the tribunal may direct that the statement be amended as appears to them to be necessary to give effect to the contention of the appellant."—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

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. 58, l. 43, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and having regard to such considerations as may be specified in the said order."—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

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. 88, l. 3, by inserting, after the word "authorities," the words "or organisations."—(Colonel Wheatley.)

And the Question being put, That the words "or organisations," be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow; 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 Urban District of Tavistock, a copy of which Order was presented on the 17th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Litherland, a copy of which Order was presented on the 17th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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

(Mr. Popplewell):—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 Standing Order, it being then twelve minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Glasgow Corporation: Bill 50.

And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Monday the 1st day of March next.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

The Order made upon the 17th day of this instant February, That the Navy (Supplementary Estimate, 1947-48) be referred to the Committee of Supply and be printed, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be withdrawn.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th February 1948, entitled the Police (Overseas Service) (Greece) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Dugdale presented, by His Majesty's Navy Command,—Estimate of the further numbers (supplementary Estimate, 1947-48) and Sum required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.
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) Halifax Town Council.
(2) Islington Metropolitan Borough Council.

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

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

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision as to the pensions to be paid to and in respect of members of police forces and as to the length of the period of their service, to amend and repeal with savings certain statutory provisions relating to the pensions to be paid to and in respect of members of police forces and as to the length of their service, 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 so to be paid by regulations made under the said Act in respect of persons who are or have been such persons as are mentioned in subsection (1) of section one of the Police (Overseas Service) Act, 1945, and of persons whose salary or remuneration is or was wholly or partly payable out of moneys so provided or who are or may become entitled to or eligible for pensions so payable;
(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums required to be so paid by such regulations as aforesaid in respect of such persons 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 Police Pensions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Police Pension Regulations).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, at the beginning, to insert the words "Subject to the provisions of this Act."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out from the word "forces," to the end of l. 13.—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, after the word "die," to insert the words "or have died."—(Major Bruce.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, at the end, to insert the words:

"Provided that the scale of pensions made in any such regulations shall not fall below the rates provided in the Schedule (Scales of pensions) to this Act."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

Another Amendment made.

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

"(4) Where—
(a) a pension or allowance after being granted has subsequently in pursuance of this Act been declared to have been forfeited ; or
(b) any person claims as of right a pension, allowance or gratuity under this Act, and the police authority do not admit the claim; or
(c) any person claims as of right a pension, allowance or gratuity under this Act larger than that granted to that person; the person aggrieved may apply to the police authority for a re-consideration of the case, and, if aggrieved by the decision upon such re-consideration, may apply to the next practicable court of quarter sessions for the county within which the member of a police force concerned last served, or if he last served in the police force of a borough having a separate police force and a separate court of quarter sessions, then to the next practicable court of quarter sessions for that borough, and that court, after inquiry into the case, may make such order in the matter as appears to the court just; but nothing in this section shall confer a right to appeal against the exercise of any discretion, or against any decision which is declared by this Act to be final.
(5) An appeal shall lie on a point of law from any decision of quarter sessions under this section to the High Court in accordance with rules of court, and the decision of the High Court shall be final, but in all other respects the decision of quarter sessions shall be final."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

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

"(7) The application of this Act to the City of London police force shall not prejudice any right or interest possessed at the date of the passing of this Act by any member of that force."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 27, to leave out subsection (7), and add the words—

"(7) No regulations shall be made under this Act unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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. 30, at the end, to add the words—

"(8) Any regulations made under this section shall provide that any pension or additional allowance granted by virtue thereof on account of the recipient or intended recipient thereof having any other source of income."—(Major Bruce.)
Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 30, at the end, to add the words—

"(8) Any pension payable to a dependent widow of any person who shall die or shall have died while serving as a member of a police force shall be at a rate of not less than such widow would receive under the provisions of the National Insurance Act, 1946, if her husband had been a fully insured person under the provisions of that Act."—(Mr. Hale.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

A Clause (Forfeiture of pensions)—(Mr. Younger)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 14, to leave out from the word "solicits," to the first word "any," in l. 15.—(Major Bruce.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 21, after "(b)," to insert "(c) and (e)."—(Mr. Hale.)

Question, That "(c) and (e)" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause added.

Another Clause (Appeals)—(Mr. Secretary Ede)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

First Schedule agreed to.

Second Schedule amended and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

The Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Water Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Combination of certain orders under principal Act).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 40, to leave out from the word "land," to the end of l. 44.—(Mr. Berry.)

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

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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.

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

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

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Croydon Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Croydon (North Division) in the room of the Right Honourable Henry Urmston Willink, M.C., K.C., who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Communications declaring that Copies of the undermentioned Statutory Instruments have yet to be laid before Parliament, and explaining why such Copies have not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification):—

Orders, dated 20th February 1948, entitled—Exchange Control.

(1) the Exchange Control (Definition of Scheduled Territories) Order, 1948.

(2) the Exchange Control (Payments) (Palestine) Order, 1948, and

(3) the Exchange Control (Payments) (Transjordan) Order, 1948.

Order, dated 19th February 1948, entitled Supplies and Services (Food).—(Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948.


The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Sixth Day, (the 30th day of October 1947).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Rules of Procedure for Courts-Martial and other matters, 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 19th February 1948, entitled the Potatoes (1947 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 158 relating to Private Business (Report by Attorney General in case of Bill affecting any charity or educational foundation),—Report by him on the Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords].

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

Mr. Malheres reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Gas Bill):—Mr. Ernest Dansie; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Keenan.

Mr. Wilson, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. George Strauss and Mr. Biller, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of grants out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of the re-equipment or modernisation of cotton spinning concerns and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)


Class II.

Vote 13. India and Burma Services.

1. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for India and His Majesty’s Secretary of State for Burma and certain salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, including the salary of the Minister of State for Commonwealth Relations: and for sundry India and Burma services, including compensation payments and other expenses arising out of the setting up of the independent Dominions of India and Pakistan and the grant of independence to Burma, certain expenses in the Persian Gulf and certain grants in aid.

Class IV.

Vote 1. Ministry of Education.

2. £1,781,000 (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 X.

Vote 3. Ministry of Food.

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 tomorrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

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Tuesday, 24th February, 1948.

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

Prayers.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Exchange Control (Definition of Scheduled Territories) Order, 1948, entitled—

(1) the Exchange Control (Definition of Scheduled Territories) Order, 1948,

(2) the Exchange Control (Payments) (Palestine) Order, 1948, and

(3) the Exchange Control (Payments) (Transjordan) Order, 1948.

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 1948, under the Government Annuities Act, 1929.
Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 24th February 1948, entitled—
(1) the Miscellaneous Goods (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948,
(2) the General Apparel and Textiles (Manufacturers' Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1948,
(3) the Miscellaneous Maximum Prices Orders (Revocation) Order, 1948,
(4) the General Footwear (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1948,
(5) the General Hollow-Ware (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948,
(6) the General Hardware and Ironmongery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948,
(7) the Domestic Pottery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948,
(8) the Uniforms (Retail Bespoke) (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948,
(9) the Glass Tumblers (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948,
(10) the P.V.C. Sheetings (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948, and
(11) the Perambulators (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 24th February 1948, entitled the Apparel and Textiles (No. 6) Order and Directions, 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 23rd February 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 1948.


Copies of Orders, dated 24th February 1948, entitled the Utility Mark and Apparel and Textiles (Consumer Rationing).

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd February 1948, entitled the Education (Local Education Authorities) Grant Regulations, 1948.

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 D (added in respect of the Gas Bill): Mr. Berry, Committee D, and Mr. Thornton-Kemsley, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bower and Mr. Reeves.

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 follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Royal Marines Royal Marines Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords Bill desire the concurrence of this House.

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

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(3) the Miscellaneous Maximum Prices Orders (Revocation) Order, 1948,
The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Local Government 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 were:
- Mr. John Edwards
- Mr. Richard Adams
- Mr. George Wallace
- Mr. Popplewell
- Brigadier Mackeron

Total: 250.

The Noses were:
- Mr. Studholme
- Mr. George Wallace
- Mr. Popplewell
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inquired into, which are applicable thereto, viz:—
Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, viz:—
Shoreham Harbour Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 24th February 1948, entitled—
(1) the Agriculture (Procedure of Agricultural Land Tribunals) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Agriculture (Areas for Agricultural land Tribunals) Order, 1948.
Copies of Regulations, dated 24th February 1948, entitled—
(1) the Agriculture (Maintenance, Repair and Insurance of Fixed Equipment) Regulations, 1948,
(2) the Agriculture (Calculation of Value for Compensation) Regulations, 1948,
(3) the Agriculture (Delegation to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Regulations, 1948,
(4) the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Time-limits) Regulations, 1948,
(5) the Agriculture (Certificates of Bad Husbandry) Regulations, 1948,
(6) the Agriculture (Control of Notices to Quit) Regulations, 1948,
(7) the Agriculture (Making of Representations) Regulations, 1948,
(8) the Agriculture (Reference to Agricultural Land Tribunals) Regulations, 1948, and
(9) the Agriculture (Registration of Interests in Land) Regulations, 1948.
Copy of an Order, dated 24th February 1948 entitled the Agricultural Orders (Revocation) Order, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th February 1948, entitled the Primary and Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations, No. 5, 1948.
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 24th February 1948, entitled—
(1) the Food (Licensing of Establishments) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Cereal Fillers (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1944 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948.
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 Vol. 203.
measuring and recording rainfall and the 
flow or volume of rivers, streams and 
inland waters;
(b) of any expenses incurred by the Minister 
of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Minister 
of Health or the Minister of Transport in 
the exercise of functions under the said 
Act of the present Session;
(c) of fees and allowances to referees and 
members of boards of referees appointed 
under the said Act of the present Session 
by the Minister of Labour and National 
Service and of allowances to persons 
giving evidence before any such referee or 
board.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)
Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. 
Diamond reported, That the Committee had 
come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received to-
morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 
put, That an humble Address be presented to 
His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 
10th February 1948, entitled the Electricity 
(Power Control) Order, 1948 (S.I., No. 224), 
a copy of which was presented on the 11th 
day of this instant February, be annulled— 
(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter)—It passed in the 
Negative.

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

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till nineteen minutes after 
Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 72.]

Thursday, 26th February, 1948.

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

PRAyERS.

London County 
Council (General 
Powers) Bill.

Supplies and 
Services (Electricity).

Press (Royal 
Commission).

Public 
Health 
(Northern 
Ireland).

of Regulations, dated 31st January 1948, 
etitléd the Port Sanitary Regulations 
(Northern Ireland), 1948.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon 
the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to 
Fire Services 
to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd February 
1948, entitled the Fire Services (Authorisation) 
(Scotland) Regulations, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon 
the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Public Health, 
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of 
Regulations, dated 25th February 1948, enti-
tled the Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations, 
1948.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon 
the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the Piers and 
Harbours 
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report 
by the Minister of Transport of his Proceedings 
Orders under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 
1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 
1861, Amendment Act (for 1948).
Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon 
the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Gas (Special 
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of 
Orders) Draft Special Orders proposed to be made 
under the Gas Regulation Act, 1926, on the 
application of—
(1) the City of Hereford,
(2) the Borough of St. Helens,
(3) the Swindon United Gas Company, and
(4) the Weston-super-Mare and District Gas 
Company.
Copy of an Order, dated 26th February 1948, Supplies and 
etitléd the Motor Fuel (Car Hire) Order, 1948. 
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon 
the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from 
the Lords by 
their 
One of their Clerks, as 
Mr. Secretary Bevin, Mr. Alexander, 
Mr. Secretary Jones, supported by Mr. Palestine Bill. 
Mr. Bevin, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Gwethill 
Hull and Mr. Rees-Williams, presented a Bill 
to make provision with respect to the termina-
tion of His Majesty's jurisdiction in Palestine, 
and for purposes connected therewith: And 
the same was ordered to be read a second time 
upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply 
[for allotted 
Day].

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Estimates for Revenue Depart-
ments and Estimate for the Ministry of Defence, 
1948-49 (Vote on Account).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That 
a sum, not exceeding £68,574,000, be granted 
to His Majesty, on account, for or towards 
defraying the charges for the following Civil 
and Revenue Departments and for the Ministry
of Defence for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, viz. :-

Civil Estimates

Class I

1. House of Lords - 28,000
2. House of Commons - 265,000
3. Registration of Electors - 100,000
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments - 950,000
5. Privy Council Office - 10,500
6. Privy Seal Office - 4,000
7. Charity Commission - 20,000
8. Civil Service Commission - 183,000
9. Expenditure and Audit Department - 120,000
10. Government Actuary - 1,000,000
11. Government Chemist - 20,000
12. GEO. VI.
13. National Debt Office - 5,000
14. National Galleries - 5,000
15. National Savings Committee - 7,000
16. Overlapping Income Tax Payments - 80,000
17. Public Record Office - 22,000
18. Public Works Loan Commission - 10
19. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund - 35,500
20. Royal Commissions, &c. - 53,000
21. Secret Service - 1,000,000
22. Tithe Redemption Commission - 365,000
23. Miscellaneous Expenses, &c. - 400,000
24. Scottish Home Department - 243,000

Class II

1. Foreign Office - 1,000,000
2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c. - 3,250,000
3. British Council - 500,000
4. United Nations - 900,000
5. International Refugee Organisation - 1,883,500
6. Commonwealth Relations Office - 61,000
7. Commonwealth Services - 215,000
8. Commonwealth (India and Pakistan) Services - 1,100,000
9. Oversea Settlement - 279,000
10. Colonial Office - 1,300,000
11. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services - 2,038,000
12. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) - 1,250,000
13. Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories) - 94,000
14. Imperial War Graves Commission - 100,000

Class III

1. Home Office - 775,000
2. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum - 49,000
3. Police, England and Wales - 10,320,000
4. Prisons, England and Wales - 1,250,000
5. Child Care, England and Wales - 390,000
6. Fire Services, England and Wales - 1,850,000
7. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. - 50,000
8. County Courts, &c. - 125,000
9. Land Registry - 10
10. Public Trustee - 10
11. Law Charges - 155,000
12. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses - 39,000
13. Police - 21,000
14. Prisons - 145,000
15. Approved Schools - 55,000
16. Fire Services - 392,000
17. Scottish Land Court - 4,000
18. Law Charges and Courts of Law - 43,000
19. Register House, Edinburgh - 10
20. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland - 24,000
21. Irish Land Purchase Services - 610,000

Class IV

1. Ministry of Education - 54,000,000
2. British Museum - 110,000
3. British Museum (Natural History) - 60,000

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Entertainments.

Cinematograph

Secretary of State for the Home Department,

Sunday

Entertainments.

Cinematograph Secretary of State

Sunday

Lennox-Boyd.)

Civil Aviation, be reduced by £100. (Mr.

morrow.

That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported,

Wigan, a copy of which Order was presented

ments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of

extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertain-

ments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of

Orpington, a copy of which Order was presented

on the 24th day of this instant February, be

approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday

Secretary of State for the Home Department,

extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertain-

ments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of

Amersham, a copy of which Order was presented

on the 24th day of this instant February, be

approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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

(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having con-

continued to sit till twenty minutes before

Eleven of the clock, adjourned till

to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the River Boards Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.

[No. 73.]

Friday, 27th February, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Norway

Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Cultural

Convention between His Majesty's Government

in the United Kingdom and the Norwegian

Government, signed at London on the 19th
day of February 1948. (This Convention has

not been ratified by His Majesty's Government

in the United Kingdom).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon

the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Housing

Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing


Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, Local

pursuant to the directions of an Act of Government

Superannuation

Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the [Scotland].

Bute County Council and approved by the

Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local

Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon

the Table.
Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order entitled the Cotton Industry Development Council Order, 1948.

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 31st January 1948.

Mr. Bevan also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Somerset 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. Strauss presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th February 1948, entitled the Canned Fruit and Vegetables (No. 2) Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948.

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

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

Copy of a Scheme for authorising the taking down and the sale of the site and materials of the Church of Christ, Kirksanton, in the parish of the Holy Trinity, Millom, in the county of Cumberland and in the diocese of Carlisle.

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

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

A Clause (Protection of serving members)—(Mr. Younger)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

(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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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 Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommended 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 pensions and other similar payments to be made to and in respect of persons who have been in certain employment, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient—

(A) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) of any sums required by rules made under the said Act to be so paid under those rules;

(ii) of any sums required to be so paid by any order made under the Probation Officers (Superannuation) Act, 1947;

(iii) of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session or of any rules made thereafter in the sums which are so payable under any other statutory provision;

(B) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer—

(i) of any sums required by rules made under the said Act of the present Session to be so paid;

(ii) of any sums required to be so paid by any order made under the Probation Officers (Superannuation) Act, 1947.

—(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 Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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 Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommended 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 Education
Adjournment.

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.

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

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. George Wallace)—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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 74.]
Monday, 1st March, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of this instant March.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Communications declaring that Copies of the Undermentioned Statutory Instruments have yet to be laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies have not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification):


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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Payments Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Uruguay, with Notes exchanged concerning the British Railway Delegation to Uruguay, signed at London on the 15th day of July 1947 (Ratifications exchanged at London on the 12th day of February 1948).

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Treaty Series Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Philippine Republic for Air Services between and beyond their respective territories (with Schedules), signed at Manila on the 7th day of January 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, by His Pakistan Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Pakistan extending the Financial Agreement of the 14th day of August 1947.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant Diseases to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Animals.

—Copy of an Order, dated 25th February 1948, authorising the landing of animals at Liverpool from s.s. Beaverburn.

Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Piers and Fisheries of his Proceedings in 1947, under the General Pier and Harbour Acts, 1861 to 1915 (Orders).

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


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Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Overseas directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Resources Regulations, dated 1st March 1948, entitled the Overseas Food Corporation Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th February 1948, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th February 1948, entitled the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1948.

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


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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Statement relating to Defence (Command Paper No. 7327)—(Mr. Alexander);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "House," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "expresses its concern at the apparent absence of comprehensive measures for a co-ordinated and up-to-date system of National and Imperial Defence"—(Mr. Eden), instead thereof.

The Question, as amended, was put, and the House divided.
The Yeas were:

Mr. George Wallace: 243.
Mr. Robert Taylor: 122.

And the Question was carried.

Mr. Robert Taylor, from the Committee on Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions), reported Committee C.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on River Boards (Money), a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for establishing river boards and for conferring on or transferring to such boards functions relating to land drainage, fisheries and river pollution and certain other functions, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any increase in the grants payable under section fifty-five of the Land Drainage Act, 1930, resulting from the extension of that section by the said Act of the present Session to the construction, or improvement of gauges, apparatus or works required for the purposes of measuring and recording rainfall and the flow or volume of rivers, streams and inland waters;

(b) of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Minister of Health or the Minister of Transport in the exercise of functions under the said Act of the present Session;

(c) of fees and allowances to referees and members of boards of referees appointed under the said Act of the present Session by the Minister of Labour and National Service and of allowances to persons giving evidence before any such referee or board.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor)—And 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty 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 Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill and the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee C.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mrs. Paton Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the River Boards Bill (Lords).
Tuesday, 2nd March, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th February 1948, entitled the Exchange Control (Supplies and Services (Coal Supplies)) Order, 1948.

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 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Letters exchanged between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of India extending the Financial Agreement of the 14th day of August 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 Statutes,—(1) made by the Governing Body of Merton College, Oxford, on the 3rd day of December 1947, amending the Statutes of the College, and (2) made by the University of Cambridge on the 24th day of December 1947, amending the Statutes of the University.

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 26th February 1948, entitled the Hill Cattle (England and Wales) Amendment Scheme, 1948.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th February 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Superintendents of Mental Hospitals, &c.) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Touche reported from Standing Committee B. That they had gone through the Animals Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Buchanan presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a List of Exceptional Awards of Pensions and Allowances sanctioned by the Treasury to disabled members and the dependants of deceased members of the Armed Forces during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a General Direction, dated 1st March 1948, entitled the Exchange Control Order, 1943, General Direction (Restriction of Supplies) No. 16. 

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:—

Accounts of the Acquisition of Guaranteed Securities Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the Local Loans National Debt Commissioners in respect of the Fund: Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account showing transactions under sub- New Towns. sections (1), (3) and (5) of Section 12 of the New Towns Act, 1946, prepared in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 13 of the Act, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Thirteenth Schedule (supplementing current Public Records Schedules) containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents relating to Units and Formations of the Local Defence Volunteers and the Home Guard, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Account of the War Risks (Commodities) Insurance Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Thurtle reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them; and 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, together with an Appendix: And the Report was brought up, and read, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Treaty of Peace (Bulgaria) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 74); the Treaty of Peace (Hungary) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 114); the Treaty of Peace (Italy) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 117) and the Treaty of Peace (Roumania) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 118), copies of which were presented on the 28th day of January last, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to them on the ground that they appear to make an unusual and unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statute under which they are made.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of February last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Estimates, Estimates for Revenue Departments and Estimate for the Ministry of Defence, 1948-49 (Vote on Account).

That a sum, not exceeding £698,574,000, be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the following Civil and Revenue Departments and for the Ministry of Defence for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, viz:—

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4. Ministry of Fuel and Power (War Services) - - - 1,500,000
5. Home Office (War Services) - - - 4,515,000
6. Foreign Office (German Section) - - - 12,000,000
7. Advances to Allies, &c. - - - 6,700,000
8. War Damage Commission - - - 500,000

Total for Civil Estimates - 653,864,000

Revenue Departments

1. Customs and Excise - - - 3,000,000
2. Inland Revenue - - - 7,000,000
3. Post Office - - - 53,500,000

Total for Revenue Departments, and Estimate for the Ministry of Defence - 698,574,000

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. 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1948.

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 in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of the Parts of Lindsey (Brigg Division) Writ to be issued on the 3rd March.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Statutory Report to the Lord Chancellor and to Mr. Instruments, Speaker from the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee, That they have considered a reference from the Ministry of Transport purporting to be made in accordance with subsection (4) (c) of Regulation XI of the Statutory Instruments Regulations, 1947, in
Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee B, They had discharged the following: Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Bowen, Sir William Darling, Mr. Gunter, Mr. Lennox-Boyd and Mr. Walker-Smith; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Corbett, Mr. Deer, Mr. Granville, Mr. Manningham-Buller and Mr. John Morrison.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee B, That they had added the following thirty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the River Boards Bill [Lords]): Mr. Alpass, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. George Brown, Lieutenant-Colonel Clifton-Brown, Mr. Dye, Mr. John Edwards, Mr. Gooch, Mr. Hart, Mr. Jeger, Mr. Joynson-Hicks, Mr. Asterley Jones, Major Legge-Bourke, Mr. Lipson, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mr. Douglas Marshall, Mr. Peart, Brigadier Peto, Mr. Price, Mr. Richards, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Simmons, Mr. David Thomas, Mr. Tooley, Mr. Vane, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Gerald Williams, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mrs. Wills and Mr. York.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee C, They had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: Mr. Thomas Brown; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Fernyhough.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee C, They had added the following twenty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): Mr. Assheton, Mr. Cave, Mr. John Edwards, Mr. Ness Edwards, Commander Gaitie, Mr. Glenny, Mr. John Henderson, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Kenyett, Mr. Macfarlane, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. Marples, Mr. Molson, Mr. Morley, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Ross, Mr. Steele, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. William Williams.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee C, They had added the following twenty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill) : Mr. Austin, Mr. Deer, Mr. Richard Bell, Mr. Corlett, Mr. Cave, Mr. Eric Fletcher, Sir Gifford Fox, Mrs. Garley, Mr. Hardman, Mr. Herbert Hughes, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. Marples, Mr. Molson, Mr. Morley, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Pickthorn, Mr. Henry Strauss, Mr. George Thomas and Mr. Tomlinson.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Water Business of Bill [Lords] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, the House, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Whiteley.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Whiteley) —The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause No. 47—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe)—It passed in the Negative.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 18, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"If any damage or injury is caused by reason of anything done or omitted to be done in the carrying out of works in pursuance of this section or by reason of failure to reinstate the land properly after carrying out any such works, the owner or occupier of the land on which works have been or are being carried out under this section, shall not be under any liability in respect thereof."—(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.

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

Summer Time.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 2 of the Summer Time Act, 1947, praying that the Summer Time Order, 1948, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 9th day of February last.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

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

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 77.]

Thursday, 4th March, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of the Trustees of the British Museum being offered to be presented; Mr. Secretary Ede, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up, and read; setting forth, That the only Funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum and of the British Museum (Natural History) consist of Thirty Thousand Pounds two and a half per cent. Consolidated Annuities, the annual proceeds whereof amount to Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds; of a Bequest of the eighth Earl of Bridgewater the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four Hundred and One Pounds; of a Bequest of Lord Farnborough the annual proceeds of which amount to about 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 Honourable 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 Mrs. Margery 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.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Press (Royal Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Ninth Day (the 26th day of November 1947).

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the Companies directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Companies (Articles of Association and Annual Return) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the National directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Health Service. Regulations, dated 3rd March 1948, entitled the Companies (Articles of Association and Annual Return) Regulations, 1948.

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 Egham Urban District Council Bill.

Ordered, That the said Report 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 River Boards Bill [Lords] : Mr. Simmons ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Symonds.
Ordered, That this day the Business of Supply may be taken after Ten of the clock, and shall be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Secretary Henderson);

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 provision made for technical education and training in the Royal Air Force; and considers that the continued development of technical skill and experience among members of the Royal Air Force is of importance both to the Service and to industry generally"—(Mr. George Thomas), 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.)

Air Estimates, 1948-49.

Vote A. Number for Air Force Service.

1. Resolved, That a number of officers, airmen and airwomen, not exceeding 325,000, all ranks, be maintained for Air Force Service during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.


2. £51,700,000, for pay, &c., of the Air Force.

Vote 7. Aircraft and Stores.

3. £48,000,000 for aircraft and stores.

Vote 8. Works and Lands.

4. £23,000,000 for works and lands.


5. £2,650,000, 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 to-morrow.

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

Adjournment.

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

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

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Colonel Ropner Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, and Mr. Frank Anderson, in respect of the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

[No. 78.]

Friday, 5th March, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Exchange directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Control, of an Order, dated 5th March 1948, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments) (Poland) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Control, of an Order, dated 4th March 1948, entitled the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948.

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

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords Estimates, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Milverton to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee B appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates.—(Sir Ralph Glyn.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Order of the day being read, for taking National into consideration the National Assistance Bill, 1948, 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. 3, l. 7, Clause No. 7, p. 4, l. 31, and the Fifth Schedule, p. 53, l. 30, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. James Griffiths; and the Amendments to Clause No. 32, p. 21, l. 5, Clause No. 62, p. 42, l. 9 and 25, and the Sixth Schedule, p. 55, l. 48, and p. 36, l. 2, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan, —(Mr. John Edwards);

The Question was amended by adding, at the end thereof, the words "and in respect of the Amendment to the Seventh Schedule, p. 68, l. 30, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Molson,"—(Mr. Molson)—and, after the words last added, the words "and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 25, p. 15, l. 29, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Messer."—(Mr. Messer.)

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. 3, l. 7; Clause No. 7, p. 4, l. 31, and the Fifth Schedule, p. 53, l. 30, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. James Griffiths and the Amendments to Clause No. 32, p. 21, l. 5; Clause No. 62, p. 42, ll. 9 and 25, and the Sixth Schedule, p. 55, l. 48, and p. 56, l. 2, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan; and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 32, p. 21, 1. 29, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Messer.

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. 5, 7, 25, 32, and 62 amended, and agreed to.

Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Schedules 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 was offered to be added to the Bill (Penalties for failure to give assistance granted),—(Mr. Nield); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 9, by inserting, after the word "discharge," the words "within a reasonable lapse of time."—(Mr. Law).

And the Question being proposed, 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. 10, l. 30, by inserting after the word "in," the word "such."—(Mr. Hastings).

And the Question being put, That the word "such" be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 28, l. 31, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that the primary liability to maintain his wife and her children shall be that of the husband and the liability of the wife under this section shall only arise if he is unable to fulfil his obligations owing to infirmity of mind or body."—(Mr. Nield).

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. 29, l. 27, by leaving out from the word "benefit," to the end of l. 31, and inserting the words "of the Board and of the local authority giving the assistance under Part III of this Act in such proportions, respectively, as the cost of the assistance provided by the Board under Part II of this Act bears to the cost of the assistance provided by the local authority under Part III of this Act, in so far as such cost is not met by any payments made or refunded to the local authority in respect of the person assisted under sections twenty-one or twenty-five of this Act."—(Mr. Molson),—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. 41, l. 42, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and orders made by the Minister under section thirty-five shall be laid before Parliament immediately after they are made, and if either House of Parliament, within the period of forty days beginning with the day on which any such order is laid before it, resolves that the order be annulled, the order shall cease to have effect, but without prejudice to anything previously done thereunder or to the making of a new order. In reckoning any such period of forty days, no account shall be taken of any time during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which both Houses are adjourned for more than four days."—(Mr. Elliot).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 8th March, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

Press (Royal Commission).

THE Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Eleventh Day (the 10th day of December 1947).

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

Treasury Chest. No. 82.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing all the sums which have been paid out of the Treasury Chest and which have been paid into the Treasury Chest and which have been paid out of the same between the 1st day of April 1946 and the 31st day of March 1947, and the Liabilities and Assets on the latter day, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Agriculture (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th March 1948, entitled the Hill Farming (Cottages) (Scotland) Regulation, 1948.

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

Dental Board.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Income and Expenditure of the Dental Board of the United Kingdom for 1947.

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

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of All Souls College, Oxford, on the 17th day of December 1947, amending the Statutes of the College.

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


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

Gas (Special Orders).

Mr. Gaitskell 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 Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the County Borough of Wallasey.

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

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

Account of the Treasury Pensions Account, the Special Pensions Account and the Special Pensions (Scotland) Account, and of the Treasury 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 1947; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts 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 give leave to the Lord Milverton Estimates of Lagos to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee B appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates, if his Lordship think fit.

Complaint being made by Mr. Bowles, Privilege.

Member for the County of Warwick (Nuneaton Division), of the publication of certain passages in the Daily Mail newspaper of the 6th day of March 1948 reflecting on 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 follow:

"Our secrets for Soviet."

Author doubts M.P.s.

By Daily Mail Reporter.

B.B.C. listeners last night heard Mr. Colm Brogan, author and editor, speaking in the "Friday Forum," suggest that secret sessions of Parliament were useless, as "secret agents of a potential enemy" would be present.

"I know that any defence information would be given to the Russians," he told me afterwards.

"The secret supporters of the Communist Party are the danger, not the open ones. I don’t think Willie Gallacher would do it, for instance. But I understand there are 20 of these secret supporters in the House."

Ordered, That the Matter of the Complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That this day, the Business of Business of Supply may be taken after Ten of the clock and shall be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

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

Supply (6th allotted Day).

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 "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, recognising the importance of new discoveries and inventions affecting naval warfare, invites the Government to refrain from procuring technical equipment of existing types until it is certain that no more effective devices for the purpose will be available in the near future".—(Major Vernon), 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 Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 9th March, 1948:

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)

Navy Estimates, 1948-49.

Vote A. Numbers.

1. Resolved, That 167,300 Officers, Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines, borne on the books of His Majesty's Ships and at the Royal Marine Divisions, and members of the Women's Royal Naval Service and the Naval Nursing Service, be employed for the Sea Service together with 4,592 Royal Marine Police borne on the books at the Royal Marine Divisions, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.


Vote A. Additional Numbers.

2. Resolved, That an additional number, not exceeding 13,000 Officers, Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines, borne on the books of His Majesty's Ships and at the Royal Marine Divisions, be employed for the Sea Service, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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 seventeen minutes after One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1932:—
(1) Ryhill Urban District Council.
(2) Southport Town Council.
(3) Torquay Town Council.
(4) Willesden Town Council.

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

London Traffic.


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

Statutory Instruments, &c., No. 84.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., have leave to report the Minutes of their further Proceedings.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Minutes of the further proceedings of the Committee.

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

New Member sworn.

Ronald Watkins Williams, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Wigan, was sworn.

Business of the House (Supply).

Ordered, That this day the Business of Supply may be taken after Ten of the clock and shall be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Secretary Shinwell);
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, by adding the words "new efforts should be made to apprise ex-servicemen and others eligible and their employers of the national need of recruits for the voluntary nucleus of the Territorial Army, to improve the conditions and amenities of service therein, and to strengthen the links between Territorial units and the community"—(Mr. Keeling), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being again proposed;
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 10th March, 1948:

And the Question being put;
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee)

Army Estimates, 1948–49

Resolved, That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding £50,000,000, all ranks, be maintained for the safety of the United Kingdom and the defence of the possessions of His Majesty's Crown, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.

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

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £96,443,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of the pay, &c., of the Army, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.

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

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjournment 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 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 Standing Order, it being then eight minutes after Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 81.]

Wednesday, 10th March, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to Transport the directions of an Act of Parliament, No. 85.

—Copy of a Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 1st day of March 1948, on stock issued by the British Transport Commission under the Transport Act, 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Sterling Payments Agreement between His Majesty's
Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Poland, signed at London on the 2nd day of March 1948.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Noël-Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Government of India (Family Pension Funds) (Amendment) Order, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th March 1948, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Apportionments, Documents, &c.) Regulations, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Thomas Williams, and Mr. George Brown, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Government of India (Family Pension Funds) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn, supported by Mr. Secretary Eden, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Sturtney, Mr. Glendower Hall, Mr. Robertson and Mr. George Brown, presented a Bill to provide for regulating the mesh of fishing nets, for licensing fishing in the North Sea, for giving financial assistance or further financial assistance to inshore fishermen and persons desiring to engage in the inshore fishing industry, to co-operative societies and organisations of fishermen and to the Herring Industry Board, for amending the Herring Industry Acts, 1935 to 1944, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to give a second reading to a Bill which, in making provision with respect to the termination of His Majesty's jurisdiction in Palestine, fails to make provision for the independence of Jewish and Arab States in Palestine as provided by the United Nations decision, for the orderly transfer of such jurisdiction to the United Nations Commission, or for consequential and connected matters"—(Mr. Warbey).—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. George Wallace: 240.
 Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sydney Silverman: 30.

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.

The Prime Minister, by His Majesty's Palestine Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Palestine [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 provision with respect to the termination of His Majesty's jurisdiction in Palestine, and for purposes connected therewith, 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 which are so payable under any enactment relating to superannuation.—(Mr. Glendower Hall.)

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.

Ordered, That leave be given to Sub-committee B, appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates, to visit the territories in West Africa for which the Colonial Office are responsible, and to hold sittings there, in pursuance of their examination of the several Votes accounted for by the Colonial Office.—(Sir Ralph Glyn.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Exchange proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 9th February 1948, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments) (Japan) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 220), a copy of which was presented on the 20th day of February last, be annulled—(Colonel Crossthwaite-Eyre).—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
11th March.

[No. 82.]

Thursday, 11th March, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Smethwick Corporation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of April next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Twelfth Day (the 11th day of December 1947).

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

Mr. Glennvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute under the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, dated 10th March 1948, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Ministry of Food.

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


Copy of a Scheme made by the Beddington and Wallington Town Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1948, entitled the Cheshire Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Local Government Boundary Commission be printed.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1948, entitled the Electricity (Allocation of Undertakings to Area Boards) Order, 1948.

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 11th March 1948, entitled—

(1) the Meals (Service at Social Functions) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1948, and

(2) the Milk (Non-PRIORITY Allowance) (No. 1) Order, 1948.

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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 River Boards Bill (Lords)]: Mr. Douglas Marshall; and had appointed in substitution Sir Ronald Ross.

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

Mr. David Jones; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Brook.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Criminal Justice 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. Gibbins reported from the Committee on the University of Sheffield (Lands) 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; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report therefor 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 from the Lords by the Lords' one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of six Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as a Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills in the present Session, and they request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Business of the House) (Supply), Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock and that if the first five Votes 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 (4) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply).

[(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)]

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means be exempted, at the House, 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 X.

Vote 3. Ministry of Food.
1. £142,328,498 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food; the cost of trading services including certain subsidies; and sundry other services.

Class II.

Vote 2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c.
2. £1,310,000 (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. £74,500 (Supplementary), for a contribution towards the expenses of the United Nations.

International Refugee Organisation.
4. £4,240,625 (Supplementary), for a contribution towards the expenses of the International Refugee Organisation.

Vote 15. Assistance to Greece.
5. £2,000,000, for a contribution to the cost of the Greek Armed Forces.

And it being half-past Nine o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business of Supply), forthwith to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in such Estimates for the Navy and Army Services for the coming financial year as have been put down on at least one previous day for consideration on an allotted day, and the total amounts of all outstanding Estimates supplementary to those of the current financial year as have been presented seven clear days, and of all outstanding Excess Votes, be granted for the Services defined in those Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, and Statements of Excess:

Navy Estimates, 1948-49.
6. That a sum, not exceeding £74,476,000, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:—

1. Pay, &c., of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines
2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy
3. Civilians employed on Fleet Services
10. Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad
11. Miscellaneous Effective Services
13. Non-effective Services

£74,476,000

Question put, and agreed to.

Army Estimates, 1948-49.
7. That a sum, not exceeding £159,774,000, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:—

1. Pay, &c., of the Army
2. Reserve Forcespay (to a number not exceeding 54,000, all ranks, for the Royal Army Reserve and 11,000, all ranks, for the Supplementary Reserve), Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 133,000, all ranks) and Cadet Forces
8. Works, Buildings and Lands
9. Miscellaneous Effective Services
10. Non-effective Services

£159,774,000

Question put, and agreed to.

8. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £78,462,478, 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 following Supplementary Estimates, viz.:—

Class I.

1. House of Commons
2. Treasury and Subordinate Departments
9. Civil Service Commission
15. National Debt Office
26. Scottish Home Department

Class II.

6. Commonwealth Services
8. Colonial Office
9. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services
10. West African Produce Control Board

Class III.

1. Home Office
6. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c.
15. Scottish Land Court
16. Law Charges and Courts of Law, Scotland
17. Register House, Edinburgh

Class IV.

8. National Portrait Gallery
10. Scientific Investigation, &c.
13. Public Education, Scotland

Class V.

1. Ministry of Health
7. Assistance Board
11. Central Land Board

Class VI.

1. Board of Trade
8. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
16. Ministry of Civil Aviation
19. State Management Districts

Class VII.

7. Public Buildings Overseas
12. Stationery and Printing

Class VIII.

4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances
Civil (Excesses), 1946-47.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £1,422 10s. 5d., be granted to His Majesty, to make good excesses on certain grants for Civil Services for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1947.

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Question put, and agreed to.

**Navy (Excess), 1946-47.**

12. That a sum, not exceeding £7,655,466 2s., be granted to His Majesty, to make good an excess on the grants for Navy Services for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1947.

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Question put, and agreed to.

Air (Excess), 1946-47.

13. That a sum, not exceeding £50, be granted to His Majesty, to make good an excess on the grants for Air Services for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1947.

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The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Sunday directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Cinematograph 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 Burnley,
(2) the Urban District of Malthby, and
(3) the Borough of Mommouth.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to Local Government Orders by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government (Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937—

(1) Coathbridge Town Council.
(2) Inverness Town Council.

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 11th March 1948, entitled the Vestry of St. Giles Without Cripplegate (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 11th March 1948, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Minister of Health and Minister of Transport) Order, 1948.

Cotton Spinning (Re-equipment Subsidy) Bill.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th March 1948, entitled the Electricity (Security Values) (No. 1) Order, 1948.

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

The Cotton Spinning (Re-equipment Subsidy) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the payment of grants for the re-equipment or modernisation of cotton spinning concerns, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of grants to persons carrying on cotton spinning concerns in respect of expenditure incurred in re-equipping or modernising, in accordance with plans approved by the Board of Trade, cotton spinning mills comprised in those concerns, such grants not to exceed one quarter of the expenditure so incurred; and

(b) of any administrative expenses incurred for the purposes of the said Act by the Board of Trade.—(Mr. Bècher.)

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.

Mr. Secretary Bevin, presented, by his Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol (No. 13, 1948), on the Establishment of a Four-Power Naval Commission, the Disposal of Excess Units of the Italian Fleet, and the Return by the
Agriculture.

Treaty Series
(No. 14, 1948).

Copy of a Protocol for the Regulation of Whaling for the 1947-48 Season, signed at Washington on the 2nd day of December 1946.

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

Agriculture.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1948, entitled the Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Order, 1948.

Copy of a Scheme, dated 8th March 1948 entitled the Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Emergency Payments Scheme, 1948.

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

Local Government Superannuation

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

Copies of Regulations, dated 12th March 1948, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations, 1948,
(2) the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations, 1948, and
(3) the National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Regulations, 1948.

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

National Health Service

Mr. Tomlinson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Ministry of Education Estimates, 1948-49.

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

Ministry of Education

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

Mr. J. F. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the River Boards Bill [Lords]) : Mr. Astley Jones and Mr. Niall Macpherson ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Palon and Mr. Renton.

Standing Committee C,

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (adding for the purpose of the Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill) : Mr. Hobson ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gordon-Walker.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by Royal Marines the Lords to the Royal Marines Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

James Richard Edwards Harden, Esquire, New Member
Member for the County of Armagh, was sworn.

Ordered, That this day Business other Business of than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question Business of 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, 193.]
[Mr. Wilkins, 90.]

Tellers for the Noes,
[Mr. Studholme, 193.]
[Major Conant, 90.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant March, several Resolutions ; which were read, as follow:

Navy Estimates, 1948-49.

Vote A. Numbers.

1. That 267,300 Officers, Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines, borne on the books of His Majesty's Ships and at the Royal Marine Divisions, and members of the Women's Royal Naval Service and the Naval Nursing Service, be employed for the Sea Service together with 1,592 Royal Marine Police borne on the books at the Royal Marine Divisions, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.


Vote A. Additional Numbers.

1. That an additional number, not exceeding 13,000 Officers, Seamen, Boys and Royal Marines, borne on the books of His Majesty's Ships and at the Royal Marine Divisions, be employed for the Sea Service, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

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

Mr. Michael Stewart reported from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant March, a Resolution ; which was read, as followeth:

Army Estimates, 1948-49.

Vote A. Number of Land Forces.

1. That a number of Land Forces, not Army exceeding 850,000, all ranks, be maintained for the safety of the United Kingdom and the defence of the possessions of His Majesty's Crown, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Air Estimates, 1948-49.

Vote A. Number for Air Force Service.

1. That a number of officers, airmen and airwomen, not exceeding 325,000, all ranks, be maintained for Air Force Service, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.

Vote B. Pay, &c., of the Air Force.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £31,700,000, 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 1949.

Vote C. Aircraft and Stores.

3. That a sum not exceeding £8,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of aircraft and stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949.

Vote D. Works and Lands.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £23,000,000, 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 1949.

Vote E. Non-effective Services.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £2,650,000, 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 1949.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the discipline and regulation of the Army and the Air Force: And that Mr. Secretary Shinwell, Mr. Secretary Henderson, Mr. Dugdale, Mr. Michael Stewart and Mr. de Freitas do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Michael Stewart accordingly presented a Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the discipline and regulation of the Army and the Air Force: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Supply of the 11th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates,

Class X.

Vote F. Ministry of Food.

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £142,325,498, 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 the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food; the cost of trading services including certain subsidies; and sundry other services.

Class II.

Vote G. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c.

2. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,310,000, 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 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 H. United Nations.

3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £74,500, 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 1948, for a contribution towards the expenses of the United Nations.

Vote I. International Refugee Organisation.

4. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,240,625, 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 a contribution towards the expenses of the International Refugee Organisation.

Vote J. Assistance to Greece.

5. That a 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 1948, for a contribution to the cost of the Greek Armed Forces.

Navy Estimates, 1948-49.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £74,476,000, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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Army Estimates, 1948-49.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £159,774,000, 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 1949, 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 K. Ministry of Food (Supplementary).

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £118,325,498, 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 1949, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food; the cost of trading services including certain subsidies; and sundry other services.
March 1949 for Expenditure in respect of the
Army Services, viz.:-

1. Pay, &c., of the Army - £ 96,443,000
2. Reserve Forces (to a number not exceeding 54,000, all ranks, for the Royal Army Reserve and 11,000, all ranks, for the Supplementary Reserve), Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 133,000, all ranks) and Cadet Forces - £ 8,042,000
3. Works, Buildings and Lands - £ 30,337,000
4. Supplies, &c. - £ 1,125,552
5. Movements - £ 54,200
6. Civilians - £ 10
7. Stores - £ 8,750,000
8. Supplies, &c. - £ 1,025
9. Movements - £ 1,000
10. Pay, &c., of Officers - £ 1,610,000
11. Wages, &c., of Officers - £ 1,000
12. Stationery and Printing - £ 1,000
13. Returns and Printings - £ 1,000
14. Revenue Departments.
15. Customs and Excise - £ 10
16. Inland Revenue - £ 10
17. Crown Agents for the Colonies - £ 10
18. Land and Buildings, &c. - £ 10
19. Public Buildings Overseas - £ 10
20. National Debt Office - £ 10
21. Scottish Home Department - £ 200
22. Scottish Law Court - £ 10
23. Register House, Edinburgh - £ 1,125,552
24. Colonial Office - £ 10
25. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services - £ 13,000

£159,774,000


8. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £78,492,478, 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 following Supplementary Estimates, viz.:-

Class I.

1. Home Office - £ 6,000
2. Treasury and Subordinate Departments - £ 10
3. Civil Service Commission - £ 88,780
4. Law Charges and Courts of Law, Scotland - £ 1,025
5. Scottish Land Court - £ 10
6. Register House, Edinburgh - £ 10
7. Public Education, Scotland - £ 10
8. National Portrait Gallery - £ 10
9. Scientific Investigation, &c. - £ 89,000
10. Ministry of Health - £ 8,750,000
11. Assistance Board - £ 475,000
12. Central Land Board - £ 54,200
13. Board of Trade - £ 10
14. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - £ 10
15. Ministry of Civil Aviation - £ 7,345,830
16. State Management Districts - £ 10
17. Public Buildings Overseas - £ 10
18. Stationery and Printing - £ 10
19. Superannuation and Retired Allowances - £ 550,000
20. Ministry of Transport (War Services) - £ 40,000,000
21. Foreign Office (German Section) - £ 10
22. United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration - £ 2,581,341
23. War Damage Commission - £ 48,000
24. Revenue Departments.
25. Customs and Excise - £ 281,000
26. Inland Revenue - £ 1,610,000
27. Post Office - £ 1,000,000

£78,492,478

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 1948, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.


10. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £15,000,000, 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 1948, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Army Services for the year.


11. That a sum, not exceeding £11,422 19s. 5d., Civil (Excesses), be granted to His Majesty, to make good Civil (Excesses) on certain grants for Civil Services for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1947.

Civil (Excesses), 1946-47.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £7,655,466 2s., Navy (Excess), be granted to His Majesty, to make good an
### Air (Excess), 1946-47

#### 13. That a sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to His Majesty, to make good an excess on the grants for Air Services for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1947.

**Schedule.**

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

And it being half an hour after Nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business of Supply), to put forthwith with respect to each Resolution ordered to be reported by the Committee of Supply and not yet agreed to by the House, the Question, That this House doth agree with the Committee in that Resolution.

And the Question being put, That this House Supply doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Seventh of their Resolutions of the 11th day of this instant March, reported this day:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Eighth of their Resolutions of the 11th day of this instant March, reported this day:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House Supply doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Ninth of their Resolutions of the 11th day of this instant March, reported this day:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Tenth of their Resolutions of the 11th day of this instant March, reported this day:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House Supply doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Eleventh of their Resolutions of the 11th day of this instant March, reported this day:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House Supply doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Twelfth of their Resolutions of the 11th day of this instant March, reported this day:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House Supply doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Thirteenth of their Resolutions of the 11th day of this instant March, reported this day:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House Supply doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the First of their Resolutions of the 23rd day of February last, viz.:—Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1947-48.

### Class II

**Vot. 13. India and Burma Services.**

A 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 1948, 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 certain salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s
Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, including the salary of the Minister of State for Commonwealth Relations; and for sundry India and Burma services, including compensation payments and other expenses arising out of the setting up of the independent Dominions of India and Pakistan and the grant of independence to Burma; certain expenses in the Persian Gulf and certain grants in aid:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Second of their Resolutions of the 23rd day of February last, viz.:—


Class IV.

Vote 1. Ministry of Education.

That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,781,000, 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 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:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.


Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 11th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Consolidated Fund.

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1947, the sum of £7,666,890 rs. 5d., be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Consolidated Fund.

2. 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 £245,107,121, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Consolidated Fund.

3. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, the sum of £1,058,174,000, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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

Ordered. That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Glenvil Hall do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Glenvil Hall accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, and one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine: 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 Palestine itself into a Committee on Palestine [Money].

(In the Committee)

Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the termination of His Majesty’s jurisdiction in Palestine, and for purposes connected therewith, 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 which are so payable under any enactment relating to superannuation.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Draft Order entitled Cotton Industry Development Council Order, 1948, proposed to be made by the Board of Trade under Section 1 of the Industrial Organisation and Development Act, 1947, a copy of which Draft Order was presented on the 27th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Wilson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. George Wallace):—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 Standing Order, it being then eleven 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 Cotton Spinning (Reequipment Subsidy) Bill to Standing Committee A.
PRAYERS.

Pensions. Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Rules, entitled the Superannuation (Public Offices) Rules, 1948. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Treaty Series (No. 17, 1948). Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters exchanged at London, on the 14th day of March 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands Government for the Settlement of War-time Debts. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

University of Durham. Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 11th March 1948, entitled the Agricultural Goods and Services (Scotland) Scheme, 1948. 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 Statutes made by the University of Durham, on the 9th day of December 1947, amending the Statutes of the University. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

1. dated 13th March 1948, entitled the Miscellaneous Maximum Prices Orders (Amendment) Order, 1948, and
2. dated 15th March 1948, entitled the Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 9) Order, 1948.

Supplies and Services (Apparel and Textiles). Copy of an Order, dated 12th March 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Infants' and Girls' Wear (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Wages Councils. Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders (with Reports of Commissions of Inquiry relating thereto), dated 15th March 1948, entitled

1. the Wages Council (Retail Drapery, Outfitting and Footwear Trades, Great Britain) Order, 1948,
2. the Wages Council (Retail Food Trades, Scotland) Order, 1948, and

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

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

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 1947. Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th March, 1948, entitled the Electricity (Stock) Regulations, 1948. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ropner reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Agricultural Goods and Services (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Basil Neven-Spence reported from Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, That they had gone through the Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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.

Frederic Walter Harris, Esquire, Member for New Member the Borough of Croydon (North Division) was sworn.

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

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to parliamentary and local government elections and to corrupt and illegal practices, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(i) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any charges in respect of services rendered and expenses incurred for the purposes of or in connexion with parliamentary elections by the returning officer; and
(ii) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) sums equal to one half or, as respects Northern Ireland, the whole of any expenses under that Act in connection with the registration of electors and the performance of his other duties by the registration officer; and
(b) any remuneration payable under that Act to a deputy appointed by a county court judge in a case where the judge would otherwise have been unable, owing to the necessity of dealing with
appeals from registration officers, to transact the business of his court with proper despatch;

(iii) the payment into the Exchequer of sums equal to one half or, as respects Northern Ireland, the whole of any fees or other sums received by a registration officer under that Act, other than sums paid to him in respect of his expenses in the performance of his duties.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Constituencies and electors).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out the words "county and borough."—

(Mr. Peake.) Question proposed, That the words "county and borough," 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

Mr. Snow, 393.

Mr. George Wallace :

Mr. Studdholme, 203.

Brigadier Thorp :

Question put accordingly, That the words "county and borough," stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Snow, 328.

Mr. George Wallace :

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, 198.

Mr. Drew :

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

Resolved, That the Order made by Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Monmouth, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 26th February 1948, entitled the Motor Fuel (Car Hire) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 386), a copy of which was presented on the 26th day of February last, be annulled—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter) ;—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. Simmons, 192.

Mr. Richard Adams :

Mr. Charles Taylor, 68.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter :

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Question being accordingly put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 26th February 1948, entitled the Motor Fuel (Car Hire) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 386), a copy of which was presented on the 26th day of February last, be annulled ;

The House proceeded to a Division ;

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

Wednesday 17th March 1948 :

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Mr. Charles Taylor, 63.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter :

Mr. Simmons, 191.

Mr. Richard Adams :

So it passed in the Negative.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

MR. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from the Lord Chief Justice, relating to the quashing
Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Ninetieth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Inland Revenue, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.

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 Provisional Government of Burma concerning certain jurisdictional and fiscal immunities to be accorded to Personnel of the United Kingdom Forces in Burma, signed at Rangoon on the 4th day of January 1948 (The Agreement has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Greece for Air Services in Europe, signed at Athens on the 26th day of November 1945 (Ratiifications exchanged at London on the 28th day of January 1948 (with Notes exchanged at Athens, on the 21st day of February 1947, modifying the above Agreement).

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Text of a Treaty of Alliance between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom, His Majesty the King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Transjordan (with Annex and Notes exchanged), signed at Amman on the 15th day of March 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Text of a Treaty of Alliance between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Greek Government for the Establishment of an Air Service between Athens and Cairo.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Text of a Treaty of Economic, Social and Cultural Collaboration and Collective Self-Defence between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom, His Royal Highness the Prince-Regent of Belgium, the President of the French Republic, Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, and Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, signed at Brussels on the 17th day of March 1948.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, a Draft of an Order proposed to be made under the application of the Borough of Wallingford.

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 Return to the Lord Chancellor Lunacy, 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 1947.

Account showing the Revenue and Expenditure of the Wheat Fund attributable to the year ended the 31st day of July 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group B of Private Bills, That, at the meeting of the Committee this day, a message was received from Mr. William Griffiths, one of the Members of the said Committee, stating that he was unable, on account of illness, to attend the Committee this day.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on the Gas (Special War Damage) (Business and Private Chalts (Special Business and Private Chalts) Bill).

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

Ordered, That the said Report be printed.
Bill of the People

Representation of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons, Yeas, [Mr. Wilkins ;
Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Noes. 262.
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Chairman do leave the Chair—(Mr. Whiteley)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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 Amendment made by the Lords to the Royal Marines Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the House of Lords ; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Cotton Spinning (Re-equipment Subsidy) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:
That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the payment of grants for the re-equipment or modernisation of cotton spinning concerns, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—
(a) of grants to persons carrying on cotton spinning concerns in respect of expenditure incurred in re-equipping or modernising, in accordance with plans approved by the Board of Trade, cotton spinning mills comprised in those concerns, such grants not to exceed one quarter of the expenditure so incurred; and
(b) of any administrative expenses incurred for the purposes of the said Act by the Board of Trade.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message Consolidation Bills of the 11th day of this instant March as relates to the appointment of a Committee on Consolidation Bills 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 in the present Session.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Challen, Mr. Stanley Evans, Colonel Combe-Duncan, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. Thomas Reid and Mr. Ross.
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 that this House hath appointed a Committee of Six Members, of whom Three shall be a Quorum, with power to send for persons, papers and records, to join with the Committee appointed by their Lordships to consider all Consolidation Bills in the present Session: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Bowles Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Cotton Spinning Industry (Re-equipment Subsidy) Bill.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Bowles Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the River Boards Bill [Lords], in place of Mrs. Florence Paton.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Fifteenth Day (the 7th day of January 1948).

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 Mersey Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1948.

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 National Land Fund for the National Land period ended the 31st day of March 1947, with Fund.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection (Standing Committee A), That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Grimston, Mr. Peake, Mr. Henry Strauss and Earl Winterton; and had appointed in substitution, Mr. Erroll, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Sutcliffe.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Cotton Spinning (Re-equipment Subsidy) Bill): Sir John Barlow, Mr. Belcher, Mrs. Castle, Mr. Drayson, Mr. William Griffiths, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Wing Commander Hubert, Mr. John Jones, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Kinley, Mr. Lever, Mr. John Lewis, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Low, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Fitzroy MacLean, Mr. Mikardo, Mr. Odey, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Randall, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Scott-Elliot, Dr. Segal, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Mr. Spearman, Mr. Walker, Sir Harold Webbe and Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Message be printed.

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

Mr. Speaker presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of a Report on the Causes of, and Circumstances attending the Explosion which occurred at Louisa (including Morrison Old) Colliery, Durham, on the 22nd day of August 1947, by R. Yates, Esquire, D.S.O., M.C., His Majesty's Deputy Chief Inspector of Mines.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Statutory Orders (Special Procedure), No. 93. General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Grimston, Mr. Peake, Mr. Henry Strauss and Earl Winterton; and had appointed in substitution, Mr. Erroll, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Sutcliffe.

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Ordered, That the said Message be printed.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts relating to matters affected by certain International Conventions adopted at Seattle in the year nineteen hundred and forty-six; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills do meet in Committee Room A on Thursday the 15th day of April next, at Eleven of the clock.

Consolidation Bills.

Resolved, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cinematograph Films Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Cinematograph Films Bill.  Bill 63.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Local Government Bill.  Bill 64.

Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords].  Bill 65.

Consolidation Bills.

The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords Message this day as relates to the place and time of meeting of the Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

The Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Gas (Special Orders).

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Hereford, which was presented on the 26th day of February last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel Orders). and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Hereford, which was presented on the 26th day of February last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel Orders). and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgess of the County Borough of Middlesbrough, which was presented on the 17th day of February last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment. 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 Standing Order, it being then eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 88.]

Friday, 19th March, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the University of Sheffield University (Lands) Bill, as amended in the Com. mittee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.


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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Fire Services, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations,—(1) dated 18th March 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Discipline) Regulations, 1948, (2) dated 18th March 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Ranks and Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1948, and (3) dated 19th March 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Compensation) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Rules, dated 15th March 1948, entitled the Police War Reserve (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules, 1948.

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 248 (No. 84 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh) (Regulations for Degrees in Arts, Supplementary to Ordinance No. XXII (Edinburgh No. 11)).

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 Dartford 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 Regulations, dated 16th March 1948, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 2) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 16th March 1948, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Simmons reported from the Committee on Palestine [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the termination of His Majesty's jurisdiction in Palestine, and for purposes connected therewith, 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 which are so payable under any enactment relating to superannuation.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Termination of His Majesty's jurisdiction in Palestine).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the word "determine," and insert the words "be transferred to the United Nations Organisation or to any body or bodies appointed by the United Nations Organisation for this purpose."—(Mr. Warbey.)

Question proposed, That the word "determine," 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 proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Joseph Henderson and Mr. Wilkins were appointed Tellers for the Yeas, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, the Chairman declared that the Yeas had it.

Question put accordingly, That the word "determine," stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, 124.

 Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wilkins, 17.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, at the end, to add the words "or the right of His Majesty to protect the lives and property of British subjects."—(Mr. Mott-Radclyffe.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, at the end, to add the words—

"Provided that those of His Majesty's forces which may be in Palestine shall be withdrawn from Palestine on or before the first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and none of His Majesty's forces shall remain in any part of Palestine after the said date."—(Mr. Piratin.)

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

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 15th day of March 1948, on

[No. 94.]

Monday, 22nd March, 1948.

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

P R AY E R S .

THE Order of the day being read, for University taking into consideration the University of Sheffield (Lands) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Transport directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 15th day of March 1948, on
stock issued by the British Transport Commission under the Transport Act, 1947.

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

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 Chertsey, and
(2) the Rural District of Lydney.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Final Act of the Conference held at London between the 15th and the 27th day of July, 1946, for the amicable settlement of the International Accord signed at London on the 27th day of July 1946, and the Protocol of Amendment signed at London on the 17th day of July, 1947, relative to the treatment of German-owned Patents.

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

Mr. Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Capital and the Income derived from the Lands and other Property held for the benefit of Greenwich Hospital and the Foundation of Samuel Travers, Esquire, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 249 (No. 45 of the University Court of the University of St. Andrews) (Foundation of Chair of Scots Law.)

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Income and Expenditure of the General Medical Council, and of the Branch Councils, and apportionments of the amounts payable to the General Council by the Branch Councils for 1947.

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

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Mr. Viant reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had further examined the Petition presented upon the 10th day of December last, and had examined the Petitions presented upon the 17th day of December last, the 16th day of February last, the 17th day of this instant March, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Mr. Isaacs, supported by Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Ness Edwards, presented a Bill to make fresh provision with respect to the functions of the Minister of Labour and National Service relating to employment and training for employment; to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive juvenile employment service; to consolidate with amendments certain enactments relating to the matters aforesaid; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday 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.

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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 Lords Amendment in p. 9, l. 15, at end insert—
("(4) Any scheme made under any of the enactments mentioned in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of this section which, by virtue of this section, continues in operation on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, may be altered or revoked by a subsequent scheme made at any time between that date and the date when the enactment in question ceases to be in force as aforesaid."). The next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry, privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 20, l. 30, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 20, l. 30, at end insert—
"(" (4) In this Part of this Act, except where the context otherwise requires, the expression 'county' means a county inclusive of any small burgh situate therein; and the expression 'county' and 'county council' mean in relation to counties combined for the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) of section one hundred and eighteen of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947, the combined county and the joint county council."). 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. 28, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 42, l. 28, at end insert—
"(" (3) The Minister may, if he in any particular case thinks fit, by order provide that such provisions of any local Act as may be specified in the order, being provisions relating to rating or valuation for rating to which, by reason of the provisions of this Part of this Act, effect can no longer be given, shall continue in force with such adaptations specified in the order as may be necessary to enable effect to be given to them."). 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. 50, l. 22, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 50, l. 22, leave out from first ('of') to ('estimated') and insert ('the value of the site on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine'), 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. 69, l. 46, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 69, l. 46, at end insert—
"(" (2) Where, under any statutory provision other than this Act, any amount falls to be calculated by reference to the rateable value for any area, the Minister or, as respects Scotland, the Secretary of State, may by regulations provide that, for the purposes of that statutory provision, the rateable value for the area of any local authority who receive any payment from the sums paid for the benefit of local authorities under this Part of this Act shall be deemed to be increased by an amount calculated, by reference to the payments so made to that authority, in such manner as may be prescribed by the regulations.").

The Lords Amendment in p. 71, l. 9, at end insert ('" or in meeting a warrant issued under section twenty-three of the Metropolitan Police Act, 1829 "). The next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry, privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 72, l. 18, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 72, l. 18, at end insert—
"(" (7) Any payment under this section may, if the councils concerned so agree, be effected in whole or in part by making the appropriate deduction from the amount due under a precept."). 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. 72, l. 38, after ('county') insert ('for any reference to an amount due under a precept there shall be substituted a reference to a sum payable under a requisition issued under section two hundred and fourteen of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947'). 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. 80, l. 1, leave out from ('body') to ('for') in l. 2, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 83, l. 5, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 83, l. 5, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 85, l. 23, after ('Fund') insert ('being expenses for which provision is not otherwise made'). 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. 91, l. 20, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 91, l. 20, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 95, l. 9, being read a second time were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 95, l. 9, at end insert—
"(" (3) The War Memorials (Local Authori-
to Scotland subject to the following modifications—
(i) sections two and four shall not apply;
and
(ii) the expression 'local authority' means a county, town or district council.'), 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. 95, l. 32, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 95, l. 36, at end insert Clause B (Assistance by local authorities to other bodies), 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. 96, l. 9, at end insert Clause C (Power to assist in performance of transferred functions), 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 the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cinematograph Films 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.

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

(Mr. Pearson); And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

**Tuesday, 23rd March, 1948:** And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

**STANDING COMMITTEES.**

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker yesterday re-appointed Mrs. Paton Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the River Boards Bill [ Lords], in place of Mr. Bowles.

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**PRAYERS.**

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Communication declaring that a Copy of the undermentioned Statutory Instrument has yet to be laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a Copy has not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification):—

Order, dated 20th March 1948, entitled the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1947 (General Licence No. 3) Order, 1948.

Mr. Glenvil Hall, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, the Account of Receipts into and payments out of the Government Annuities and Insurances, 1947: And a Statement of payments and of current contracts at the end of the year.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, the Copy of Regulations, dated 19th March 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Pensionable Employment) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of a Warrant, dated 19th March 1948, Post Office, entitled the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant, 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, the Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1948, entitled the Regional Advisory Councils (Scotland) Grant Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th March 1948, entitled the Temporary Workers in Agriculture (Minimum Wages) (Scotland) Order, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 18th March 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Functions of Regional Hospital Boards) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, the Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1948, entitled the Regional Advisory Councils (Scotland) Grant Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th March 1948, entitled the Temporary Workers in Agriculture (Minimum Wages) (Scotland) Order, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 18th March 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Functions of Regional Hospital Boards) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Public Record Office.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1948, entitled the Companies (Articles of Association) Regulations, 1948.

Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 22nd March 1948, entitled the Services Laundry (Maximum Charges) Order, 1948,
(2) dated 22nd March 1948, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 12) Order, 1948, and
(3) dated 23rd March 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 17) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1948, entitled the Furniture (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1948, entitled the Miscellaneous Goods (Prohibition of Manufacture and Supply) (No. 11) Order, 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 22nd March 1948, entitled—
(1) the Control of Rubber Tyres (Revocation) Order, 1948,
(2) the Control of Paper (No. 86) (Economy) Order, 1948, and
(3) the Molasses and Industrial Alcohol (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1948, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (Amendment No. 9) Order, 1948.

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 18th March 1948, authorising the landing of a Regimental Goat at Liverpool.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th March 1948, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (Transfer of Local Authority Functions) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) the National Health Service (Central Health Services Council and Standing Advisory Committees) Regulations, 1948.

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


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Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Ministry of Transport on Account of Seamen's Savings Banks under the authority of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, the Minister of Shipping (Transfer of Functions) Order, 1939, the Ministers of the Crown (Minister of War Transport) Order, 1947, and the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Act, 1946, during the year ended the 31st day of November 1946, and of the interest thereon.

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

Mr. Gaiskell presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Twentieth Annual Report of the Central Electricity Board.

Certificate regarding the Rate of Preference Hydrocarbon for British Hydrocarbon Oils during the year ended the 31st day of December 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1948, entitled the Electricity (Price Control) (Reversion) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Strachey, presented pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Orders, dated 22nd March 1948, entitled—
(1) the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Eggs (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1948, entitled the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1947 (General Licence No. 3) Order, 1948.

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 22nd March 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Approved Societies) Regulations, 1948.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., have leave to report the Minutes of their further Proceedings.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Minutes of the further Proceedings of the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Minutes 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 Police Pensions Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation 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)—(The Prime Minister);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan, Yeas, 283.]
Mr. Simmons : Noes, 122.
Tellers for the [Major Conant, Yeas, Mr. Richard Adams : 274.]
Major Ramsay : Noes, 88.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the Statement made to the House on the 22nd day of this instant March by the Chairman of Ways and Means and Deputy Speaker, that he acted in his professional capacity as a solicitor against an honourable Member of this House in a matter which might have resulted in legal proceedings; and to report whether such action is consonant with the proper and impartial discharge of the duties of this office.—(Mr. Churchill.)

The Committee was nominated of Mr. Eric Fletcher, Commander Galbraith, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Hopkin Morris, Mr. Thurtle, Mr. Ungnad-Thomas, Mr. Viant, Mr. Westwood and Mr. Wilner.
Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion being made, That during the present Session the Standing Orders and practice of this House relating to provisions authorising charges upon the public revenue shall not, in the event of Part I or Part II of the Local Government Bill becoming law, be deemed to apply to any provision of any Bill (whether public or private) which affects the rateable value of any hereditament in England or Wales or of any lands or heritages in Scotland, by reason only that that provision operates or may operate to increase the amount of any Exchequer Equalisation Grant under the said Part I or the said Part II.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall)

Mr. Herbert Morrison, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Palestine Bill,

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Termination of His Majesty's jurisdiction in Palestine).

Question again proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

Earl Winterton 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 [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, 288.]
Mr. Warbey : Noes, 88.

Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill, put accordingly, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Legal Proceedings).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 23, to leave out the word "whether."—(Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, after the word " Majesty," to insert the words "other than a deserter or a person absent from duty without leave."—(Mr. Mikardo.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out from the word "Majesty," to the word "if," in l. 2.—(Mr. Janner.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, to leave out the words "or purported to be done."—(Mr. Mikardo.)

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. 7, to leave out the words "on or after that day," and insert the words "or on the first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-eight."—(Mr. Janner.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, and insert the words "or the first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-eight."—(Mr. Janner.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out ll. 14 and 15.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "the," in l. 14, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Mikardo.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the second word "a," in l. 21, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Repeal of enactments and transitional provisions).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 9, to leave out the words "or application," and insert the words "to the United Nations Organisation or to any body or bodies authorised by the United Nations Organisation to receive it."—(Mr. Warbey.)

Question proposed, That the words "or application" stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising;

Wednesday, 24th March, 1948:
Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Law Reform Second Reading of the Law Reform (Personal Injuries) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

Mr. Simmons.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Three of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 24th March, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bills Report 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.:
—Smethwick Corporation Bill.

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

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Government Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments (Civil Staffs).

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to Purchase Tax, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd March 1948, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 1) Order, 1948.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to Public Accounts the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 24th March 1948, regarding the application of surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1947-48 to meet deficits on other Navy Votes for the same year.
Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 24th March 1948, regarding the application of surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year 1947/48 to meet deficits on other Army Votes for the same year.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Public Accounts (Navy Votes, 1947-48), Public Accounts (Army Votes, 1947-48) and Public Accounts (Air Votes, 1947-48) be printed.

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Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th March 1948, entitled the Local Government (Special and Parish Rates) (Third Fixed Grant Period) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Twenty-second Annual Report of the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee (for the year ended the 30th day of September 1947).

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

Mr. George Strauss presented, pursuant to Supplies and the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd March 1948, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 63) Order, 1948.

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

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Sir Ralph Glyn 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 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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Resolved, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers on the South Suburban Gas Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The South Suburban Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow at Eleven of the clock; that no Questions be taken after Twelve of the clock; and that at Five of the clock Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without a Question first put.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison): The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Mr. Simmons, Mr. George Wallace: 267. Tellers for the Mr. Studholme, Brigadier Thorp: 92. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 3 (Adaptation of 7 & 8 Geo. 6, c. 41.) The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being called 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, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

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

10. Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse Charity Scheme Confirmation Act, 1948.

Accordingly 

Clergy Pensions Measure, 1948.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Representation Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 1, at the end, to insert the words—"(c) in rule 1, in the table showing the number of constituencies, for the words '592,' there shall be substituted the words '613,'"—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 294. Tellers for the Commander Agnew, Mr. Studholme: 125.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 27, at the end, to add the words—"(c) Rule 5a shall be amended by inserting at the end of paragraph (t) the words 'In any subsequent review of a Parliamentary Constituency the Boundary Commission shall hold a local public inquiry, if requested to do so by resolution of the local government authority for the area affected.'"—(Mr. McLeavy.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 27, at the end, to add the words—"(c) at the end of Rule 6, the following words shall be inserted 'but there shall be no departure from the last two foregoing Rules if a constituency would then be formed by joining a county or part of a county and a county borough which are not contiguous.'"—(Mr. Wigg.)
Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived. Clause, as amended, agreed to. Clause No. 4 (Registration officers and areas). Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Peake.) Motion, by leave, withdrawn. Amendments made. Clause, as amended, agreed to. Clause No. 5 (Registers of electors). Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 33, to leave out from the beginning, to the word “register,” in l. 37, and insert the words “the annual.” (Mr. Mulvey.) Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Thursday, 25th March, 1948:
Tellers for the
Mr. Simmons, Yeas
Mr. Richard Adams : 240.
Noes, Sir Ronald Ross : 83.
Amendments made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 15, to leave out from the word “registered,” to the end of l. 17.—(Mr. Grimston.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to. Another Amendment made. Clause, as amended, agreed to. Clause No. 6 (Service declarations). Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 33, to leave out from the word “declaration,” to the word “a,” in l. 34, and insert the words “shall cease to have effect on the date on which the declarant ceases to be.”—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause agreed to. Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to. Clause No. 8 (Place and manner of voting as elector). Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do leave the Chair.—(Mr. Peake.) The Committee divided.
Tellers for the
Mr. Studholme, Yeas
Major Ramsay : 62.
Noes, Mr. Hannan : 216.
An Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words “or the particular circumstances of that person's employment on the date of the poll by the returning officer for some other constituency for a purpose connected with the election in that constituency.”—(Mr. Younger.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Debate arising; Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put. The Committee divided.
Tellers for the
Mr. Snow, Yeas
Mr. George Wallace : 199.
Noes, Major Conant : 63.
Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted. The Committee divided.
Tellers for the
Mr. Snow, Yeas
Mr. George Wallace : 204.
Noes, Major Conant : 59.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 41, after the word “entitled,” to insert the words “in pursuance of an application made.”—(Mr. Younger.) Question put, That those words be there inserted. The Committee divided.
Tellers for the
Mr. Pearson, Yeas
Mr. Richard Adams : 198.
Noes, Major Conant : 58.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words “or (c) of blindness or any other physical incapacity.”—(Mr. Piratin.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 24, to leave out from the word “area,” to the end of l. 17.—(Mr. Grimston.) Question proposed, That the word “area,” 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. Question put pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).
Tellers for the
Mr. Hannan, Yeas
Mr. Wilkins : 186.
Noes, Mr. Studholme : 59.
Question put accordingly, That the word “area,” stand part of the Clause. The Committee divided.
Tellers for the
Mr. Hannan, Yeas
Mr. Wilkins : 188.
Noes, Mr. Studholme : 57.
Other Amendments made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 37, to leave out the words “borough or,”—(Mr. Grimston.) Question put, That the words “borough or,” stand part of the Clause. The Committee divided.
Tellers for the
Mr. Hannan, Yeas
Mr. Wilkins : 190.
Noes, Major Conant : 53.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Peake)—Debate arising; Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put. Question put pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).
Tellers for the
Mr. Collindridge, Yeas
Mr. Richard Adams : 188.
Noes, Major Conant : 53.
Question put accordingly, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the
Major Conant, Major Ramsay : 56.
[Mr. Grimston.]
Tellers for the
Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Richard Adams : 184.
[Mr. Hannan.]
Another Amendment made.
Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, 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. Collindridge, Mr. Hannan : 175;
Mr. Studholme, Major Ramsay : 52.
Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill, put accordingly, and agreed to.
Clause No. 9 (Determination of right to be treated as absent voter).
Amendment proposed, in p. 12, to leave out " of whom," and insert the word " unless." (Mr. Grimston.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to. Clause No. 10 (Proxies). Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 1, to leave out the words " of whom," and insert the word " unless." (Mr. Grimston.)
Question, That the words " of whom," stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to. Another Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to. Clause No. 11 agreed to. Clause No. 12 (Timetable and procedure). An Amendment made.
Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill. The Committee divided.
Tellers for the
Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace : 148;
Mr. Conant, Major Ramsay : 47.
Chairman to report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Simmons.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. William Wells 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 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 Chertsey, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Nine of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the University of Sheffield (Lands) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 6th day of April next.

Mr. Westwood reported from the Select Committee on the Chairman of Ways and Means (Personal Explanation), 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. Wilson, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. George Strauss, Mr. Keynes and Mr. Belcher, presented a Bill to make provision for inquiry into the existence and effects of, and for dealing with mischiefs resulting from, or arising in connection with, any conditions of monopoly or restriction or other analogous conditions prevailing as respects the supply of, or the application of any process to, goods, buildings or structures, or as respects exports: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of April next; and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 6th day of April next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Shoreham Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Communications declaring that copies of the undermentioned Statutory Instruments have yet to be laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies have not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification) —

1. Rules, dated 30th March 1948, entitled —
   (1) the Rating and Valuation (Form of Precept—County Councils) Rules, 1948,
   (2) the Rating and Valuation (Forms of Demand Note) Rules, 1948,
   (3) the London County Council Form of Precept Rules, 1948, and
   (4) the Form of Demand Note (London) Rules, 1948.

2. Orders,
   (1) dated 25th March 1948, entitled —
      (a) the Home Grown Grains (Agricultural Executive Committees) Order, 1948,
      (b) dated 25th March 1948, entitled the Pulse (Control and Prices) Order, 1943
      (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1948,
      (c) dated 25th March 1948, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1947
      (Amendment No. 8) Order, 1948, and
      (d) dated 30th March 1948, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Rationing) Order, 1943
      (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948.

3. Order, dated 1st April 1948, entitled the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1947
   (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1948.

4. Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, Housing (Scotland), dated 29th February 1948.


6. Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Import Duties directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th April 1948, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 3) Order, 1948.

Account of the Receipts and Payments in Land Registry, respect of the Land Registry for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd April Appropriations in Aid of the Vote of the appropriate Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Hamilton 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. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Bankruptcy and Companies (Winding-up) Proceedings during the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

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 25th March 1948, authorising the landing of one Maxwell's duiker at Liverpool.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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:

5. West Kent Superannuation Joint Committee.

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

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

Copies of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on—
1. the Tenth Day (the 27th day of November 1947), and
2. the Sixteenth Day (the 8th day of January 1948).


Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, Housing (Scotland), dated 29th February 1948.

Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 29th February 1948.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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<td>containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—</td>
<td>£ s. d.</td>
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<td>unstripped</td>
<td>2 18 2</td>
<td>2 16 74</td>
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<tr>
<td>containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—</td>
<td>2 18 2</td>
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<td>on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the increased rates for which provision is made by any Resolution having statutory effect and passed by the Committee of Ways and Means together with this Resolution, drawback shall be allowable at the rates set out in the following Table instead of at the rates set out in Part III of the First Schedule to the Finance Act, 1947.</td>
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<td>Tobacco, manufactured, viz.:</td>
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<td>Cigars</td>
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<td>Cigarettes</td>
<td>3 7 9</td>
<td>3 4 98</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond</td>
<td>3 3 8</td>
<td>3 1 38</td>
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<tr>
<td>Snuff—</td>
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<td>containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—</td>
<td>3 0 8</td>
<td>2 18 83</td>
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<td>containing not more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—</td>
<td>3 2 8</td>
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<td>and so in proportion for any less quantity.</td>
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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Chairman put the Question thereupon forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions).

Question agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded successively to put forthwith the Question on each further Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, save the last Motion.

Tobacco (Excise).

2. Motion made, That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duties of excise chargeable on tobacco under section three of the Finance Act, 1947, shall be charged at the increased rates set out in the following Table.

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<td>£ s. d.</td>
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<td>unstripped</td>
<td>2 16 54</td>
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<td>containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—</td>
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<td>Tobacco manufactured, viz.:</td>
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<td>Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond</td>
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<td>and so in proportion for any less quantity.</td>
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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.) Question put, and agreed to.

Tobacco (Excise Duty on stock in hand).

4. Motion made, That—

(a) on all stocks of leaf tobacco and of manufactured tobacco of any description which, at five o'clock in the afternoon on the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, are in the ownership or possession of a licensed manufacturer of tobacco and in any place in the United Kingdom, other than a bonded warehouse, a duty of excise, payable by the manufacturer, shall be charged and the rate of the duty shall be—

(i) so far as the stocks consist of leaf tobacco, three shillings and fourpence for every pound weight of the stocks, and

(ii) so far as the stocks consist of manufactured tobacco of any description, three shillings and fourpence for every pound weight of leaf tobacco from which, in the opinion of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, the stocks are derived;

(b) where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that there have been paid on any tobacco either full or preferential duties of customs at the rates in force immediately before the passing of this Resolution and also the duty of excise provided for by this Resolution, drawback shall be allowable in respect of the tobacco at the like rates and subject to the like conditions as the drawback allowable in respect of tobacco on which there have been paid full or preferential duties of customs, as the case may be, at the rates provided for by any Resolution passed by the Committee of Ways and Means.
Means together with this Resolution.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Question put, and agreed to.

Beer (Excise).

5. Motion made, That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the rates of the duty of excise charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be increased by adding—

(a) nineteen shillings and a penny halfpenny to the sums of seven pounds nineteen shillings and ninetepence specified in Part I of the First Schedule to the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1947; and

(b) eightpence halfpenny to the sum of five shillings and elevenpence so specified;

and, in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the rates increased as aforesaid has been paid, the excise drawback allowed under the said section one shall be allowed at rates increased by adding—

(i) nineteen shillings and a penny halfpenny to the sums of seven pounds nineteen shillings and ninetepence specified in Part II of the said First Schedule; and

(ii) eightpence halfpenny to the sum of five shillings and elevenpence so specified.

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, 1923.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)
Question put, and agreed to.

Spirits (Customs).

8. Motion made, That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duties of customs charged on spirits of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part II of the First Schedule to that Act, shall—

(a) in the case of spirits being Empire products, be charged at the rates shown in the second column of that Table; and

(b) in the case of spirits not being Empire products, be charged at the rates shown in the third column of that Table.

TABLE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of Spirits</th>
<th>Preferential rates</th>
<th>Full rates</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>In cask</td>
<td>In bottle</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>In cask</td>
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<tr>
<td>For every gallon computed at proof of—</td>
<td>£ s. d.</td>
<td>£ s. d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brandy or rum</td>
<td>10 10 10</td>
<td>10 10 10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(i) Unspecified spirits other than those already enumerated</td>
<td>10 10 10</td>
<td>10 10 10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(b) For every gallon of proof spirit and being an Empire product</td>
<td>10 10 10</td>
<td>10 10 10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(c) For every gallon computed at proof of spirits of any description not theretofore mentioned, including naphtha, benzine, and methyl alcohol purified so as to be potable, and mixtures and preparations containing spirits</td>
<td>— 14 5 10</td>
<td>— 14 5 10</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</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)
Question put, and agreed to.

Wines (Customs).

9. Motion made, That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duties of customs charged on wines under paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) of that subsection on wine not exceeding twenty-seven degrees of proof spirit and being an Empire product shall be calculated accordingly.
1. Motion made, That the duties of customs chargeable on table waters, expiring on the nineteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, shall cease.(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

2. Motion made, That the Treasury, having regard to the terms of the Geneva Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the time being in force, shall have power by order from time to time to vary the rates of the duties of customs on agricultural tractors (not being track-laying tractors), motor bicycles and motor tricycles, being Empire goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Preferential rates of duties on tractors, motor bicycles and motor tricycles, being Empire goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

3. Motion made, That the Treasury, having regard to the terms of the Geneva Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the time being in force, shall have power by order from time to time to vary the rates of duties of customs on agricultural tractors (not being track-laying tractors), motor bicycles and motor tricycles, being Empire goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Preferential rates of duties on tractors, motor bicycles and motor tricycles, being Empire goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

4. Motion made, That the duties of excise on licences to be taken annually by persons who sell table waters, shall cease.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

5. Motion made, That the Treasury, having regard to the terms of the Geneva Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the time being in force, shall have power by order from time to time to vary the rates of the duties of customs on agricultural tractors (not being track-laying tractors), motor bicycles and motor tricycles, being Empire goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

6. Motion made, That the Treasury, having regard to the terms of the Geneva Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the time being in force, shall have power by order from time to time to vary the rates of the duties of customs on agricultural tractors (not being track-laying tractors), motor bicycles and motor tricycles, being Empire goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

7. Motion made, That the Treasury, having regard to the terms of the Geneva Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the time being in force, shall have power by order from time to time to vary the rates of the duties of customs on agricultural tractors (not being track-laying tractors), motor bicycles and motor tricycles, being Empire goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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9. Motion made, That the Treasury, having regard to the terms of the Geneva Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the time being in force, shall have power by order from time to time to vary the rates of the duties of customs on agricultural tractors (not being track-laying tractors), motor bicycles and motor tricycles, being Empire goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

10. Motion made, That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duty of excise on sweets charged under section six of the Finance Act, 1927, shall be charged at the rates set out in the following Table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of Sweets</th>
<th>Rate of duty per gallon</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Not exceeding 25 degrees proof spirit</td>
<td>£ 8. 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exceeding 25 degrees proof spirit</td>
<td>1 5 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>For every degree or fraction of a degree above 42 degrees proof spirit, an additional duty</td>
<td>2 5 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sparkling, an additional duty</td>
<td>0 4 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Still, in bottle, an additional duty</td>
<td>0 1 2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</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.)

11. Motion made, That the duties of customs chargeable under Part I of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921, for a period expiring on the nineteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, shall continue to be chargeable for a further period of three years from the said day.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Key Industry Duty (Customs).

12. Motion made, That the Treasury, having regard to the terms of the Geneva Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the time being in force shall have power by order from time to time to vary the rates of duties of customs on agricultural tractors (not being track-laying tractors), motor bicycles and motor tricycles, being Empire goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Preferential rates of duties on tractors, motor bicycles and motor tricycles, being Empire goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
be, or shall include, an amount (not determined by reference to the stake-money paid or agreed to be paid by those persons) which is divisible in any proportions among such of those persons as are winners.

For the purposes of this Resolution, the expressions "bet" and "totalisator" have the same meaning as in the said section six.

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.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bookmakers' Licence Duty (Excise).

19. Motion made, That a duty of excise of an amount determined in accordance with the following Table shall be charged on a licence to be taken out, on the occasion of a dog race-meeting on a course where there is a totalisator to carry on bookmaking at the meeting.

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<td>For a course where the public is admitted to:</td>
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<tr>
<td>A single enclosure</td>
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<tr>
<td>Two enclosures and no more.</td>
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<tr>
<td>The cheaper enclosure</td>
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<td>The dearer enclosure</td>
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<td>The cheapest enclosure</td>
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<td>More than two enclosures.</td>
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<td>The cheapest but one enclosure.</td>
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<td>Any other enclosure</td>
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—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Exemption from Entertainments Duty (Excise).

20. Motion made, That entertainments duty shall not be charged on payments for admission to any entertainment held on or after the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; as respects which the Commissioners of Customs and Excise are satisfied—

(a) that the entertainment is held in a building in a rural parish within the meaning of the Local Government Act, 1933, with a population not exceeding two thousand or with a population not exceeding sixty-four to the square mile; and

(b) that the seating capacity of the building is not for more than two hundred persons, and this Resolution shall have effect in Scotland with the substitution, for the reference to a rural parish within the meaning of the Local Government Act, 1933, of a reference to a small burgh within the meaning of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947, or a landward parish or the landward part of a parish which is partly landward and partly burghal.

In this Resolution references to buildings do not include references to buildings not attached to permanent foundations.

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.)

Question put, and agreed to.

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Reduced rates of Entertainments Duty for stage plays, etc. (Excise).

21. Motion made, That as respects any payment for admission to any entertainment held on or after the thirtieth day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, section six of the Finance Act, 1943, shall have effect as if for the rates set out in Part I of the Fifth Schedule to that Act there were substituted the rates set out in the following Table:—

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<tr>
<td>Amount of payment</td>
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<td>Where the amount of the payment, excluding the amount of duty, exceeds 12 and does not exceed 14</td>
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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.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Mechanically Propelled Vehicles Duty (Receptacles on vehicles).

22. Motion made, That the weight of a receptacle shall not be exempt from inclusion under proviso (b) to subsection (1) of section seven of the Finance Act, 1937, in the unladen weight of a goods vehicle by reason that it is constructed or adapted for the purpose of being lifted on or off the vehicle with goods or burden contained therein, unless it is shown that it is from time to time actually used for that purpose in the ordinary course of business, but the weight of a receptacle shall not be included in the unladen weight of a goods vehicle under that section if it is specially constructed or specially adapted for carrying livestock and is used solely as follows, that is to say, for carrying livestock or, on a journey the main purpose of which is the carriage of livestock, or on the way to the loading point or returning from the discharging point on such a journey, for carrying agricultural produce or agricultural requisites.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

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Purchase Tax (Chargeable goods and rates of tax).

23. Motion made, That—

(a) as from the ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the provisions of the following Table shall have effect, in substitution for any enactment previously in force, for determining what goods are chargeable goods for the purposes of purchase tax and the rates of tax chargeable in respect thereof;

(b) as from the said day, in determining the question which of the two rates of purchase tax is chargeable in respect of a vehicle, where that question depends on the retail value of a vehicle, the retail value shall be ascertained on the assumption that the

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seller by retail suffered the incidence of tax at the lower of the two rates in question;

(c) the Treasury shall have power by order to make any change in the classes of goods which are chargeable goods or in the rate at which tax is chargeable in respect of goods of any class;

(d) any change effected by or under any enactment in the classes of goods which are chargeable goods, or in the rate at which tax is chargeable in respect of goods of any class, taking effect at any time after the passing of this Resolution shall have effect:

(i) in relation to a purchase of goods delivered under the purchase after that time notwithstanding that the purchase was made before that time; and

(ii) in relation to the application of a chargeable process completed after that time notwithstanding that the process was applied in pursuance of a contract made before that time.

TABLE.

PART I.

Construction.

1. The provisions of this Part of this Table shall have effect for the construction of Part II thereof.

2. The words "First," "Second" and "Third" indicate the first, second and third rates of purchase tax.

3. The first, second and third rates of purchase tax are, respectively, one-third, two-thirds and one hundred per cent. of the whole-sale value of the goods.

4. Where goods are chargeable under the following provisions of this Table at more than one rate of tax, purchase tax shall be chargeable in respect of those goods at the higher or highest of those rates.

5. The expression "exempt," means exempt from all charge of purchase tax.

6. The expression "utility," in relation to any goods, means goods which, under any enactment made by the Board of Trade, are duly marked with a mark defined as the utility mark by any such enactment.

PART II.

Rates of tax.

GROUP 1.

Garments and footwear —

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group .... .... .... First.

(b) Utility fully fashioned stockings .... .... .... First.

(c) Utility garments made wholly or mainly of fur skin .... .... .... Second.

(d) Utility articles not comprised in paragraphs (b) or (c) of this Group .... .... .... Exempt.

(e) Articles made wholly or partly of rough-tanned, undyed sheep or lamb skin with wool attached and designed specially for industrial use .... .... .... Exempt.

(f) Articles made wholly or partly of fur skin (including any skin with fur, hair or wool attached) .... .... .... Exempt.

GROUP 3.

Gloves —

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group .... .... .... First.

(b) Articles made wholly or partly of rough-tanned, undyed sheep or lamb skin with wool attached and designed specially for industrial use .... .... .... First.

(c) Articles made wholly or partly of fur skin (including any skin with fur, hair or wool attached) .... .... .... Third.

(d) Utility articles .... .... .... Exempt.

(e) Surgical appliances .... .... .... Exempt.

GROUP 4.

Haberdashery, including patterns for making apparel —

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group .... .... .... First.

(b) Articles made wholly or partly of fur skin (including any skin with fur, hair or wool attached) .... .... .... Third.

(c) Utility articles .... .... .... Exempt.

(d) Sewing thread, and mending and knitting wool .... .... .... Exempt.

GROUP 5.

Textile articles of a kind used for domestic purposes and articles made of any material which are of a kind

other than those comprised in paragraphs (c) or (d) of this Group ... ... ... Third.

(g) Protective boots designed for use by miners or quarrymen or moulders ...... ...... ...... Exempt.

(h) Clogs and other wooden-soled footwear, other than articles made wholly or partly of fur skin (including any skin with fur, hair or wool attached) .... .... .... Exempt.

(i) Footwear of a kind suitable for young children's wear, other than articles made wholly or partly of fur skin (including any skin with fur, hair or wool attached) .... .... .... Exempt.

(j) Surgical appliances .... .... .... Exempt.
used as domestic soft furnishings or
as domestic bedding —

(a) Articles not comprised in any
of the following paragraphs of
this Group ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(b) Utility articles ... ... ... ... Not charge-
able under this Group.
(c) Floor coverings ... ... ... ... Not charge-
able under this Group.

GROUP 6.
Tissues and fabrics:—
(a) Tissues and fabrics whether in
the piece, shaped or partly
made-up, including such tissues
and fabrics which have been
dyed, printed, coated or other-
wise treated, but not including
tissues and fabrics comprised in
any of the following paragraphs
of this Group. ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(b) Utility cloth ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(c) Fabrics of the following des-
criptions, not being woven-
figured fabrics, pile fabrics,
brands, fringes, gimps or simi-
lar trimmings, furnishing fab-
rics, suitings or overcoatings,
or fabrics which have been
bleached, printed, embroidered
or otherwise decorated:—
(i) jute fabrics ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(ii) felt fabrics ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(iii) glass fibre fabrics ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(iv) asbestos fabrics ... ... ... ... Exempt.$
(v) woven fabrics not contain-
ing wool which weigh not
less than 12 ounces per
square yard ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(vi) woven fabrics contain-
ing wool which weigh not
less than 18 ounces per square
yard ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(d) Bolting cloth ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(e) Machinery belting ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(f) Tracing cloth ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(g) Abrasive cloth ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(h) Varnished or bitumenised
cloth and varnished or bitumen-
ised tape of the kinds used for
the purpose of electrical insula-
tion ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Exempt.$
(i) Netting of cordage, rope or
twine, including fishing net,
but not including composite
fabrics incorporating such net-
ting and not including sports
netting ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Exempt.$
(j) Rags ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Exempt.$
(k) Lamp wick ... ... ... ... Exempt.$
(l) Fabrics of a kind suitable for
and prepared or put up in
special packs as surgical dress-
ings ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Exempt.$
(m) Floor coverings ... ... ... ... Not charge-
able under this Group.

GROUP 7.
Plastic sheeting in the piece or
in cut lengths of a kind suitable for
making garments or curtains, table-
cloths and similar soft furnishings
... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Exempt.

GROUP 8.
Fur skin (including any skin with
fur, hair or wool attached), dressed
... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Exempt.

GROUP 9.
(a) Floor coverings ... ... ... ... First.
(b) (i) Rugs made of fur skin (in-
cluding any skin with fur,
hair or wool attached) ... ... Third.
(ii) Other rugs, except floor
rugs ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Second.

GROUP 10.
(a) Wallpaper ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Second.
(b) Window display papers, being
fancy papers coated, stained,
printed, embossed, laminated
or otherwise decorated, includ-
ing coated poster papers, but
not including such papers cut
to size suitable for use as box
papers or as printing paper ... ... First.
(c) Paper handkerchiefs, paper
towels, paper serviettes, paper
doyles, paper table covers,
paper table decorations, shelf
paper, and similar articles of
paper ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Second.

GROUP II.
Furniture, hardware, iron-
mongery, turnery, table-ware,
kitchen-ware and toilet-ware, being
articles of a kind used for domestic
or office purposes:—
(a) Articles not comprised in any
of the following paragraphs of
this Group ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(b) (i) Tables, desks, chairs, side-
boards, beds, chests,
drawers, cupboards and
similar furniture, except
those comprised in para-
graph (e) of this Group ... ... Second.
(ii) wire and spring mattresses
except those comprised in
paragraph (e) of this Group ... ... Second.
(c) Mirrors, whether framed or not
... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(d) Glassware of cut glass ... ... ... ... Third.
(e) Utility furniture and compo-
ment parts of utility furniture...
... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(f) Invalid chairs... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Exempt.$
(g) Picture frames of wood, plain,
gilt or coloured, with or without
ornamental composition, which
are made from moulding of a
width not less at any point
than three inches ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Exempt.
(h) Metal clothes lockers of a kind
installed in cloakrooms other
than domestic cloakrooms ... ... Exempt.
(i) Vessels designed for use pri-
marily as containers for food or
drink in the course of its
storage, preparation or con-
sumption, and lids for use with
such vessels, but not including
articles of cut glass, articles
made wholly or partly of
stainless steel, articles coated
except mechanical lighters:

(i) stoves, grates, ranges, fireplaces and ovens
(ii) radiators and convector
(iii) storage water heaters
(iv) circulator water heaters for tank storage
(v) water boilers for tank storage or central heating
(c) Cooking, space heating and water heating appliances of a kind not suitable for operation from electric or gas mains, of the following descriptions:—

(i) stoves, grates, ranges, fireplaces and ovens
(ii) radiators and convector
(iii) storage water heaters
(iv) circulator water heaters for tank storage
(v) water boilers for tank storage or central heating

(d) Parts of such stoves, grates, ranges, fireplaces and ovens as are comprised in paragraph (c) of this Group

(e) Space heating appliances, incorporating electric fans or electric pumps, or both such fans and such pumps, designed to consume in all not more than 100 watts, but not including appliances otherwise electrically operated and not including appliances operated by gas

(f) Wash boilers and wash coppers

(g) Electric kettles and other cooking utensils, incorporating heating elements

(h) Smoothing irons and pressing irons

GROUP 12.

Cooking, heating, refrigerating and other appliances and apparatus, whether mechanically operated or not, being appliances and apparatus of a kind used for domestic purposes, except mechanical lighters:

(e) Appliances and apparatus not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group

(b) Appliances and apparatus of a kind suitable for operation from electric or gas mains for the conversion of electricity or gas into heat for the purpose of space heating or water heating, of the following descriptions:—

(i) space heating appliances and apparatus, including appliances and apparatus of a kind used for boiling or cooking and also for space heating
(ii) instantaneous water heaters
(iii) immersion water heaters
(iv) storage water heaters

GROUP 13.

Cutlery suitable for domestic or personal use and spoons, forks and similar articles suitable for domestic use:

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group and blanks of articles not so comprised

(b) Articles designed for use solely in the course of any trade, profession, employment or vocation and unsuitable for use for other purposes

(c) Articles consisting of a knife and fork combined specially designed for use by persons not having the full use of their arms, and other articles specially designed for use by such persons

GROUP 14.

(a) Fittings of a kind used for interior domestic or office lighting:

(i) table and floor standards (whether complete or not)
(ii) brackets, pendants, candelabra and electroliers
(iii) lanterns, shades, bowls and reflectors
(iv) glass chimneys and similar primary glasses being chimneys and glasses designed for oil or candle lamps
(v) other illuminating glassware
of a kind used in the assembly of such sets) and valves suitable for use therewith ... ... Second.

(b) Batteries and accumulators suitable for use with wireless receiving sets of the domestic or portable type, other than dry batteries of not more than 6 volts ... ... ... First.

GROUP 19.
(a) Musical instruments, including gramophones, radiogramophones, player pianos and similar instruments, and parts thereof and accessories thereto:—

(i) articles and parts thereof and accessories thereto not comprised in any of the following sub-paragraphs of this Group ... ... ... First.

(ii) pipe organs, electronic organs and reed organs (except the types designed to be carried when played) and parts thereof and accessories thereto ... ... ... Exempt.

(iii) gramophones specially designed for reproduction of speech from records specially adapted for the use of the blind ... ... ... Exempt.

(b) Player piano records and gramophone records other than gramophone records for the reproduction of speech, specially adapted for the use of the blind ... ... ... Second.

GROUP 20.
Toys and games (including coin or disc operated machines), and appliances, apparatus, accessories and requisites for sports, games, amusement, gymnastics or athletics (not being garments, footwear, road vehicles, bicycles or tricycles) including parts thereof and accessories thereto:—

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group ... ... ... First.

(b) Swings, slides (including water chutes), see-saws, roundabouts and giant strides, not being mechanically operated articles ... ... ... Exempt.

(c) Gliders large enough to carry human beings, and accessories for such gliders ... ... ... Exempt.

(d) Boats and other vessels large enough to carry human beings, and accessories for such boats and vessels ... ... ... Exempt.

GROUP 21.
(a) Umbrellas and sunshades ... Second.

(b) Walking sticks and canes:—

(i) wholly of wood, except for the ferrules ... ... ... First.

(ii) other kinds ... ... ... Third.

GROUP 22.
Smokers' requisites, except matches and mechanical lighters ... Second.

GROUP 23.
Trunks, bags, wallets, jewel cases, pouches, purses, suit cases, attache...
cases, baskets and similar receptacles of a kind used for personal or domestic purposes (whether fitted or not):—

(a) Articles made of leather, hide or skin:—

(i) designed for use solely for the purpose of any trade, profession, employment or vocation and unsuitable for use for other purposes ... Second. Third.

(ii) other articles ... Third.

(b) Articles made of other materials ... Third.

Group 24.

(a) Photographic cameras and photographic enlargers and lenses and other parts of, and accessories to, photographic cameras and photographic enlargers:—

(i) articles not comprised in any of the following subparagraphs of this paragraph Exempt.

(ii) cinematograph cameras for film of standard width and parts of, and accessories to, such cameras ... Exempt.

(iii) articles suitable only for industrial, scientific or military use ... Exempt.

(b) Unexposed, sensitised photographic paper, cloth, plates and film:—

(i) articles not comprised in any of the following subparagraphs of this paragraph Exempt.

(ii) cinematograph film of standard width ... Exempt.

(iii) X-ray plates, film and paper ... Exempt.

(iv) ferro-prussiate, ferro-gallic and dye-line paper and cloth ... Exempt.

(v) document base paper, transparent tracing paper base and tracing cloth ... Exempt.

Group 25.

Pictures, prints, engravings, photographs, figures, busts, reliefs, vases and similar articles, of a kind produced in quantity for general sale:—

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group Third.

(b) Reproductions, irrespective of size, and whether plain or coloured, of such pictures, prints, engravings and similar articles as were executed more than one hundred years before the date on which tax becomes due in respect of the reproductions ... Third.

(c) Cinematograph films, film-strips and lantern slides, being films, film-strips and lantern slides containing pictures for exhibition by means of a projector ... Exempt.

(d) Wallpaper ... Not chargeable under this Group.

Group 26.

Jewellery and imitation jewellery, being articles consisting wholly or partly of stones or beads (precious, semi-precious or imitation) or of pearls (real, cultured or imitation) Third.

Group 27.

(a) Goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares, being articles made wholly or partly of gold, silver or other precious metal (including gold plate but not including base metal which is gilt or silver-plated), other than articles comprised in the following paragraph of this Group ... Third.

(b) Miniatures or reproductions of the insignia or orders, decorations and medals granted by the Sovereign or conferred by or in the gift of a foreign Sovereign State or the Head of a foreign Sovereign State, and ribbons, bars and clasps designed for wear with, or with miniatures or reproductions of, such orders, decorations and medals (including made-up ribbon bars) ... Exempt.

Group 28.

(a) Articles made wholly or partly of ivory, amber, jet, coral, natural shells or tortoiseshell, or of jade, onyx, lapis lazuli or other semi-precious stones ... Third.

(b) Articles made wholly or partly of mother-of-pearl other than buttons and studs ... Third.

Group 29.

Fancy or ornamental articles suitable for personal or domestic use, and of a kind produced in quantity for general sale:—

(a) which consist of or incorporate figures, or which are decorated by hand-painting, or which are miniatures of or otherwise imitate other articles ... Third.

(b) of other descriptions, not being articles chargeable under any other Group ... Second.

Group 30.

(a) Hair waving machines and similar hair waving appliances First.

(b) Hair drying machines First.

Group 31.

Toilet requisities, except face cloths and towels:—

(a) Articles not comprised in the following paragraph of this Group ... Third.

(b) Brushes, combs, scissors, razors and razor blades, razor strips, razor sharpeners, dry shavers and dry shaver heads, sponges, toilet paper, dental...
stems and toothpicks, not being articles supplied as part of a toilet set ... ... ... First.

GROUP 32.

(a) Perfumery ... ... ... Third.
(b) Toilet preparations, whether medicated or not, including cosmetics:—
(i) articles not comprised in the following sub-paragraph of this paragraph ... Third.
(ii) soap made up for sale as toilet soap; soap substitutes made up for sale as substitutes for toilet soap; shaving creams; shampoos; dentifrices; eye lotions, mouth washes and antiseptics; calamine lotion and similar alleviating toilet preparations, un-perfumed ... First.

GROUP 33.

Drugs and medicines, manufactured or prepared, except the drugs and medicines set out in the Schedule to the Purchase Tax (No. 1) Order, 1948 ... ... ... First.

GROUP 34.

(a) Diaries, calendars, greeting cards and similar articles ... First.
(b) Stationery and office requisites, except furniture and machinery ... ... ... First.

GROUP 35.

(a) 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, other than vehicles comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group:—
(i) mechanically propelled vehicles of a retail value of more than one thousand two hundred and eighty pounds the vehicle ... ... ... Second.
(ii) other mechanically propelled vehicles ... ... ... First.
(iii) vehicles not mechanically propelled ... ... ... First.

(b) Bicycles and tricycles (whether mechanically propelled or not) constructed or adapted solely or mainly for the carriage of passengers ... First.

(c) Ambulances, invalid carriages and perambulators.
Tramcars, trolley vehicles and other vehicles constructed to carry not less than twelve passengers.
Vehicles of not less than 3 tons unladen weight.
Prison vans and fire tenders.
Caravans.
Vehicles of the following descriptions in which the accommodation for carrying passengers is only incidental to the use of the vehicle for other purposes:
bullion vans;
mobile cinemas, sound film production vehicles and similar vehicles;
mobile canteens, mobile clinics, travelling libraries, travelling shops, travelling show rooms and similar vehicles;
mobile printing presses and other mobile workshops;
pantechnicons and horse boxes;
hearse but not including hearseettes;
tower wagons, road construction, road cleansing, road watering, refuse collecting and similar vehicles.
Exempt.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Question put, and agreed to.

Purchase Tax (Drugs, Medicines, &c.).
24. Motion made, That, as from such date after the passing of this Resolution as Parliament may determine, the rates and incidence of purchase tax shall be varied so as to give effect to—
(a) amendments as to tax chargeable in respect of drugs and medicines; and
(b) amendments as to the activities to be treated for the purposes of purchase tax as manufacturing goods.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Question put, and agreed to.

INCOME TAX.
Charge of Income Tax.
25. Motion made, That—
(a) income tax for the year 1948-49 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 Acts of the present Session relating to gas or to agriculture, and to any enactment which has effect only after the end of the year 1947-48, all such enactments as had effect with respect to the income tax charged for that year, other than enactments which by their terms relate only to tax for that year, shall have effect with respect to the income tax charged for the year 1948-49.

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.)
Question put, and agreed to.

26. Motion made, That income tax for the year 1947-48 shall be charged, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeded two thousand pounds, at the same higher rates in respect of the excess over two thousand pounds as were charged for the year 1946-47.
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.) Question put, and agreed to.

Personal Reliefs.

27. Motion made, That—

(a) in 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-sixth of the amount of earned income but not exceeding two 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-sixth of his income) the words " one-fifth " shall be substituted for the words " one-sixth " and the words " four hundred pounds " shall be substituted for the words " two hundred and fifty pounds ";

(b) in 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 five-sixths of the earned income of the claimant's wife) the words "four-fifths" shall be substituted for the words "five-sixths";

(c) in section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1935 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, provides that where the total income of an individual does not exceed one hundred and twenty pounds he shall be exempt from income tax and that where the total income of an individual does not exceed one hundred and thirty-five pounds his tax shall not exceed one-quarter of the excess of his total income over one hundred and twenty pounds) the words "one hundred and thirty-five pounds" shall be substituted for the words "one hundred and twenty pounds", the words "one hundred and sixty pounds" shall be substituted for the words "one hundred and thirty-five pounds" and the words "three-tenths" shall be substituted for the words "one-quarter":

Provided that the additional relief afforded by this Resolution for the year 1948–49 shall not affect the amount of tax deductible or repayable before the sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

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.) Question put, and agreed to.

Reduced Rate Relief.

28. Motion made, That—

(1) In subsection (2) of section forty of the Finance Act, 1927 (which, as amended by section seventeen of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1945, provides, in effect, for tax being charged at one-third of the standard rate on not more than thirty-five pounds of a person's income and at two-thirds of the standard rate on not more than another seventy-five pounds thereof) a reference to two hundred pounds shall be substituted for the reference to seventy-five pounds;

(2) The said subsection (2), as amended by the preceding provisions of this Resolution, shall, where the income of a person includes both earned income of his wife and other income available for relief under the said subsection (2), have effect subject to the following provisions—

(a) Where there is earned income of the wife available for relief under the said subsection (2), references to fifty pounds plus the amount of the earned income so available, or to one hundred pounds, whichever is the smaller, shall be substituted in the said subsection (2) for the references to fifty pounds:

Provided that where the other income available for relief under the said subsection (2) falls short of fifty pounds, the amount references to which are to be substituted as aforesaid under this sub-paragraph shall be diminished by the amount of the deficiency; and

(b) Where the earned income of the wife available for relief under the said subsection (2) exceeds fifty pounds, a reference to two hundred pounds plus the amount of the excess or to four hundred pounds, whichever is the smaller, shall be substituted in the said subsection (2) for the reference to two hundred pounds:

Provided that where the other income available for relief under the said subsection (2) does not exceed fifty pounds, this sub-paragraph shall not apply, and where the said other income exceeds fifty pounds and falls short of two hundred and fifty pounds, the amount a reference to which is to be substituted as aforesaid under this sub-paragraph shall be diminished by the amount of the deficiency;

(3) In this Resolution—

(a) the expression "earned income," in relation to a wife, means earned income treated as such for the purposes of subsection (2) of section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1920 (which provides for a special relief for wife's earned income);

(b) references to the earned income of the wife available for relief under subsection (2) of the said section forty shall be construed as references to her earned income less—

(i) so much of any amount which falls to be deducted under any of the provisions of the Income Tax Acts as could not have been deducted but for the existence of the earned income of the wife; and

(ii) so much of the amounts tax on which falls to be deducted under subsection (1) of the said section forty as could not have been taken into account but for the existence of the earned income of the wife; and
provisions to have had effect, subject to the following Act, 1947, have effect, and be deemed always or under the provisions of the Electricity Authority and any Area Board established by Acts, shall, in relation to the British Electricity employee. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
director, person taking part perquisites of the office or employment of the into account for giving effect to this Resolution, be taken be provided by any Act of the present Session in such manner and to such extent the payment, money, benefits (4) The additional relief afforded by this Resolution for the year 1948–49 shall not affect the amount of the tax deductible or repayable before the sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-eight. 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.) Question put, and agreed to.
Expenses, etc., of Directors, Employees and others.
29. Motion made, That where—(a) a body corporate, unincorporated society or other body makes any payment in respect of expenses to, or provides any money or any benefits or facilities in kind for, any director, any person taking part in the management of its affairs or any employee; or (b) an individual or partnership carrying on a trade, profession or vocation makes any payment in respect of expenses to, or provides any money or any benefits or facilities in kind for, any employee, the payment, money, benefits or facilities shall, in such manner and to such extent as may be provided by any Act of the present Session for giving effect to this Resolution, be taken into account for income tax purposes as perquisites of the office or employment of the director, person taking part as aforesaid or employee.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.) Question put, and agreed to.
British Electricity Authority and Electricity Boards.
30. Motion made, That the Income Tax Acts, shall, in relation to the British Electricity Authority and any Area Board established by or under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 1947, have effect, and be deemed always to have had effect, subject to the following provisions—(a) any trade or business carried on by any such Board shall be treated as property, rights or liabilities of the said Authority, and anything done by or to any such Board shall be deemed to have been done by or to the said Authority; (c) any rights, liabilities or things done—(i) of, by or to the said Authority against, to or by any such Board; or (ii) of, by or to any such Board against, to or by the said Authority or any other such Board, shall be left out of account, and income tax shall be charged accordingly, and the obligations of the said Authority as respects income tax shall be included and be deemed always to have been included among the obligations contributions towards the satisfaction of which may be required from the said Boards under section forty-one of the Electricity Act, 1947.
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.) Question put, and agreed to.
Double taxation agreement with Government of Eire.
31. Motion made, That the agreement between the United Kingdom Government and the Eire Government amending the agreements set out in the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1926, and the Fourth Schedule to the Finance Act, 1928, a copy of which was laid before Parliament by command of His Majesty in the month of August, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, shall be confirmed and shall, subject to confirmation by the Oireachtas of Eire, have effect accordingly.
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.) Question put, and agreed to.
MISCELLANEOUS.
Special Contribution.
32. Motion made, That where the total income of an individual for the year 1947–48, ascertained as Parliament may determine, exceeded two thousand pounds and his investment income for that year, ascertained as aforesaid, exceeded two hundred and fifty pounds, there shall be charged a special contribution in accordance with the following Table, together with interest from such time as Parliament may determine:—

Table.
For every pound of—


or liabilities of any such Board shall be treated as property, rights or liabilities of the said Authority, and anything done by or to any such Board shall be deemed to have been done by or to the said Authority; (c) any rights, liabilities or things done—(i) of, by or to the said Authority against, to or by any such Board; or (ii) of, by or to any such Board against, to or by the said Authority or any other such Board, shall be left out of account, and income tax shall be charged accordingly, and the obligations of the said Authority as respects income tax shall be included and be deemed always to have been included among the obligations contributions towards the satisfaction of which may be required from the said Boards under section forty-one of the Electricity Act, 1947.
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.) Question put, and agreed to.

Table.
For every pound of—


or liabilities of any such Board shall be treated as property, rights or liabilities of the said Authority, and anything done by or to any such Board shall be deemed to have been done by or to the said Authority; (c) any rights, liabilities or things done—(i) of, by or to the said Authority against, to or by any such Board; or (ii) of, by or to any such Board against, to or by the said Authority or any other such Board, shall be left out of account, and income tax shall be charged accordingly, and the obligations of the said Authority as respects income tax shall be included and be deemed always to have been included among the obligations contributions towards the satisfaction of which may be required from the said Boards under section forty-one of the Electricity Act, 1947.
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.) Question put, and agreed to.

Table.
For every pound of—


Profits Tax.

33. Motion made, That the extent and incidence of the Profits Tax (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments affecting the computation of profits or losses or the transactions to be treated as distributions to proprietors or affecting the treatment of the British Electricity Authority and Area Boards established by or under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 1947. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Relief from double death duties.

34. Motion made, That effect may be given to arrangements between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of any territory outside the United Kingdom, the laws of which do not provide for a duty similar to estate duty, in relation to estate duty payable under the laws of the United Kingdom and any duty leviable on, or by reference to, death imposed under the laws of that territory, so far as the arrangements provide for the determining the place where any property is to be treated as being situated for the purposes of estate duty; and the arrangements to which effect is given may include provisions as respects deaths occurring on or after the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and provisions as to property which is not itself subject to double duty. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Estate Duty.

35. Motion made, That, for the purposes of estate duty and as respects persons dying on or after the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and provisions as to property which is not itself subject to double duty. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

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.

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

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

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Wednesday, 7th April, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's German Fleet Command.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 6th April 1948, relative to the free gift to the Governments of Norway, Denmark, Holland and France of minesweepers included in His Majesty's Government's share of the German Fleet.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, List of the Pensions granted during the year ended the 31st day of March 1948 and payable under the provisions of subsection 1 of Section 15 of the Civil List Act, 1937.

Account up to the 31st day of March 1948, of the total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given under Section 1 of the Development (Loan Guarantees and Grants) Act, 1929, and of the Sums paid in or towards repayment of any Sums so issued.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th April 1948, entitled the Exchange Control (Prescribed Courts) (Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Directions, dated 7th April 1948, entitled the Fur Apparel (No. 13) Directions, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th April 1948, entitled the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th April 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) (No. 5) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Issacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th April 1948, entitled
The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noes to the Left.  
 Tellers for the [Sir John Mellor,  
 Yeas, Mr. Boyd-Carnerter : 16.  
 Tellers for the [Mr. Wilkins,  
 Noes, Mr. George Wallace : 95.  
 So it passed in the Negative.  

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

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

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

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Smethwick Corporation Bill:

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Church Estates directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Commission.,  

The Ninety-seventh Report of the Church Estates Commissioners (for the year preceding the 1st day of March 1948).  

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 Regulations, dated 5th April 1948, entitled—(Scotland).  

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

Mr. Secretary Silkin presented, pursuant to the Town and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th April 1948, entitled—(Scotland).  

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

Mr. Bowles reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Cotton Spinning (Re-equipment Subsidy) 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.

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Mrs. Paton reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the River Boards Bill (Lords), 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. Herbert Morrison reported from the Committee of Privileges to whom was referred the Matter of the Complaint made upon the 8th day of March last, by Mr. Bowles, Member for the County of Warwick (Nuneaton Division), of the publication of certain passages in the Daily Mail newspaper of the 6th day of March 1948, reflecting on Members 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. 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.

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

(In the Committee.)

Amendment of Law.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance. And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, 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-four minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Transfer between Corps), Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Wilkins : 106.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant, Brigadier Mackeson : 40.

Clauses Nos. 10 to 13 agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment of s. 158 of Army Act applicable also to Air Force Act)—(Mr. Secretary Shinwell) brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Amendment of Army Act, s. 124)—(Mr. Manningham-Buller) 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, s. 54)—(Mr. Manningham-Buller) 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.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be 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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 7, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that no collector of any collecting society or industrial assurance company shall be regarded as being guilty of an offence under the Act of 1923 where such offence is due to any misrepresentation or non-disclosure of material and relevant facts by any assured person or member or anyone acting on behalf of or claiming through such member."—(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. 14, l. 29, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided always that any such sums so invested by any such society or body at the date of the passing of this Act in either the Post Office Savings Bank or any bank certified under the Trustees Savings Bank Act, 1863, may throughout remain so invested in any such bank or banks at the option of the said society or body at the rate of interest normally allowed by any such bank."—(Mr. Molson).

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

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.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit, till half an hour after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 12th April, 1948.

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 Borough of Southwark (Central Division) in the room of John Hanbury Martin, Esquire, who since his election for the said Borough hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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 East Dereham, and
(2) the Borough of Swinton and Pendlebury.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th February 1948, entitled the Tillage (Northern Ireland) Amendment Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned Colleges for administering certain funds there-of:—

(1) New College, Oxford.
(2) Newnham College, Cambridge.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th April 1948, entitled the Photographic Film (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Fleetwood and Thornton (Superannuation) Joint Committee and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st March 1948, entitled the Cambridge Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1948, together with a Certificate by the Minister of Health under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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 C (added in respect of the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): Sir Gifford Fox; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Sidney Marshall.

The House, according to order, resolved Ways and Means, to lie upon the Table.

(In the Committee.)

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.

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

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

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Finance [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 it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund—

(a) of the sum of five hundred million pounds for the permanent annual charge for the National Debt for the current financial year, instead of the sum of three hundred and fifty-five million pounds;

(b) of such sums as fall to be issued therefrom by reason of the treating of the Defence Bonds and Savings Certificates issued by the Government of Palestine, and the money raised thereby, as securities issued, and money raised, under the National Loans Act, 1939, in the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Snow)—put, and without a Question being put.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. George Wallace)—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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 98.]

Tuesday, 13th April, 1948.

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.:

South Suburban Gas Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report to the Lord Chancellor and to Mr. Speaker from the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee, That they have considered a notification from the Commissioners of Customs and Excise in accordance with subsection (3) of Regulation II of the Statutory Instruments Regulations, 1948, in respect of the Tobacco Stocks (Excise Duty) Regulations, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 704), and that they have taken no further action in the matter.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, an 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 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of a Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 23rd day of March 1948, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Electricity Authority.

Copy of a Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 1st day of April 1948, on stock issued by the British Electricity Authority under the Electricity Act, 1947.

Copy of a Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury on the 1st day of April 1948, in respect of stock issued by the British Electricity Authority to satisfy compensation attributable to the North Wales Power Company Limited and the North Metropolitan Power Station Company Limited.

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

(1) dated 12th April 1948, entitled the Ground Sulphur (Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948;

(2) dated 13th April 1948, entitled the Control of Bichromates (Revocation) Order 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th April 1948, entitled the Utility Mark and Apparel and Textiles (General Provisions) (Amendment) Order (No. 2) Order, 1948.

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 7th April 1948, entitled the Hill Sheep Scheme Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order, 1948.

Copy of a Scheme dated 7th April 1948, entitled the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Emergency Payments Scheme, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th April 1948, entitled the London Traffic (Ripley Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th April 1948, entitled the Electricity (Financial Years) Regulations, 1948.

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 April 1948, entitled the Meals in Establishments Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1948.

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

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Account showing the Nature and Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of March 1948, as Investments for Moneys, forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of National Insurance under Section 58 and subsection (9) of Section 114 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., have leave to report the Minutes of their further Proceedings.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Minutes of the further Proceedings of the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Amendment of Law.

1. 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.—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 Yeas, Mr. Snow, 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Wallace, 86.

Original Question put accordingly, and agreed to.

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Mechanically propelled vehicles

(Remission of duty in certain cases).

2. Resolved, That—

(1) Where, on or after the first day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and before such date as may be specified by order of the Treasury, a licence under section thirteen of the Finance Act, 1920, is issued in respect of either—

(a) a vehicle, being a bicycle or a tricycle, which is chargeable with duty under paragraph 1 of the Second Schedule to that Act, and which is not constructed or adapted to use as fuel any fuel other than light oils ; or

(b) a vehicle chargeable with duty under paragraph 6 of that Schedule, which is not constructed or adapted to use as fuel any fuel other than light oils, and the condition specified in paragraph (2) of this Resolution is fulfilled, the licence shall be issued on payment of half only of the duty chargeable, and the other half of the duty chargeable shall be remitted, but a licence so issued shall become void on that condition ceasing to be fulfilled.

(2) The said condition is that either—

(a) no coupons, except standard ration coupons, have been issued in respect of the vehicle to the person in whose name it is registered under the Roads Act, 1920 ; or

(b) it is certified by a person authorised in that behalf by the Minister of Fuel and Power that every coupon so issued, other than a standard ration coupon, has been delivered up unused to that Minister in accordance with the orders of that Minister for the time being in force in respect of the control of motor fuel ; or

(c) the period of the validity of every coupon so issued, other than a standard ration coupon or a coupon so certified as aforesaid to have been so delivered up unused, has expired : Provided that where—

(i) coupons other than standard ration coupons have been so issued for any period ; and

(ii) it is certified by a person authorised as aforesaid that some of those coupons have been delivered up unused as aforesaid before the expiration of that period, the period of the validity of all those coupons shall be treated for the purposes of this Resolution (but not for any other purpose) as expiring on such date as may be specified in the certificate, being the date by which so much only of that period remains as bears to the whole thereof the same proportion as the number of units of fuel covered by the coupons which are delivered up unused bears to the number of units of fuel which were covered by all the said coupons.

(3) On the surrender of a licence in respect of which there has been a remission of duty under this Resolution, the repayment of duty, if any, falling to be made under section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1924, shall be computed by reference to the duty chargeable as diminished by the amount of the remission.
TREASURY during the year ended the 31st day of March 1948 on loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, and Account up to the 31st day of March 1948 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 Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Act, 1943, or received by way of repayment of any sums so issued.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, by His Majesty's Tariffs and Command,—Copy of a General Agreement on Trade, Trade Tariffs and Trade, with Documents relating to the First Session of the Contracting Parties held at Havana, Cuba, between the 28th day of February and the 24th day of March 1948.


Mr. Wilson also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th April 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Men's, Youths' and Boys' Outerwear) (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Standing Orders;—That in the case of the Smethwick Corporations 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 Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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 for the pooling of investments and moneys of certain endowment funds of the University of Birmingham:—That the House be informed that the Bill has been engrossed, and that this House do at its rising this day agree to the said Bill.

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

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

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 a Statement of Guarantees given by the

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in the name of Mr. Sydney Silverman (Suspension of death penalty) be postponed till after the consideration of that Clause.—(Mr. Secretary Ede).

Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Suspension of death penalty)—(Mr. Sydney Silverman); 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. Paton, Mr. Amory: ]

[Mr. Stanley Evans, Mr. Gage: ] 245.

[Mr. Stanley Evans, Mr. Gage: ] 222.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The said Clause was accordingly read a second time; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Powers of court in relation to offenders from approved schools, &c.)—(Mr. Secretary Ede)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Reports of probation officers)—(Mr. Secretary Ede)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Arrest on failure to surrender to bail before courts of summary jurisdiction)—(Mr. Secretary Ede)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 7 Edw. 7. c. 23, s. 9)—(Mr. Hogg); 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 (Removal to Broadmoor institutions of certain persons serving life sentences)—(Mr. Sydney Silverman)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of Summary Jurisdiction (Appeals) Act, 1933, 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 38)—(Mr. Turton)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of Second Schedule to Criminal Justice Act, 1925, 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 86)—(Mr. Turton); 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.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Wilkins).

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

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 Criminal Justice [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 abolish penal servitude, hard labour, prison divisions and sentence of whipping, to amend the law relating to the probation of offenders, and otherwise to reform existing methods and provide new methods of dealing with offenders and persons liable to imprisonment, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any increase in the sums so payable under section four of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act, 1908, which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session whereby persons charged with indictable offences who are acquitted or discharged, or whose appeal against conviction is allowed by the Court of Criminal Appeal or in whose favour an appeal to the House of Lords under subsection (6) of section one of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1907, is determined, may receive out of local funds costs incurred in the conduct of their defence or on appeal;

(b) of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the conduct of research into the causes of delinquency and the treatment of offenders and matters connected therewith, and of such sums as the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, direct to be paid towards the expenditure of any body or person approved by the Secretary of State in the conduct of such research.

—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of East Deneham, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Swinton and Pendlebury, a copy of which Order was presented on the 12th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Wilkins):—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

**Thursday, 15th April, 1948;**

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 Standing Order, it being then twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock, on Thursday morning, till this day.

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**[No. 100.]**

**Thursday, 15th April, 1948.**

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

**PRAYERS.**

**The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the University of Sheffield (Lands) Bill, as amended in the Committee:**

**Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next at Seven of the clock.**

**The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Smethwick Corporation Bill:**

**Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next at Seven of the clock.**

**The Order made upon the 13th day of this instant April, That the copy of the Instrument, dated 9th April 1948, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 9) Confirmation Instrument, 1948, do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.**

**Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.**

**The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Eighteenth Day (the 22nd day of January 1948).**

**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 an Order, dated 9th April 1948, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 9) Confirmation Order, 1948.**

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

**Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th April 1948, entitled the P.V.C. Sheeting (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948.**

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

**Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Licence, dated 14th April 1948, entitled the Motor Fuel (Overseas Visitors) (Car Hire) Licence, 1948.**

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

**Mr. Frank Anderson reported from Standing Committee C. That they had gone through the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Rochdale Corporation Bill.**

**Ordered, That the report be printed.**

**The Deputy Chairman reported from the Cardiff Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Cardiff Corporation (Extension of Time) 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 Railway Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Cardiff Corporation Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.**

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

**Ordered, That the Report be printed.**

**The Deputy Chairman reported from the Merthyr Tydfil Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Merthyr Tydfil Corporation Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.**

**Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.**

**Ordered, That the Report be printed.**

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**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. Herbert Morrison.)**
Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 6th day of this instant April, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Tobacco (Customs).

1. That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duties of customs on tobacco under section three of the Finance Act, 1947, shall be charged at the increased rates set out in the following Table.

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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.

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<td>containing less than 10 lbs. of weight thereof</td>
<td>2 17 3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tobacco manufactured, viz., Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond</td>
<td>2 16 8</td>
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<td>and so in proportion for any less quantity.</td>
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</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.

3. 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 having statutory effect and passed by 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 First Schedule to the Finance Act, 1947.

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<tr>
<th>Description of Tobacco</th>
<th>Rates per pound</th>
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<td>In respect</td>
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<td></td>
<td>of tobacco</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>on which all customs duty has been paid</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cigars</td>
<td>£ s. d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cigarettes</td>
<td>3 1 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cat, roll, cake or other manufactured tobacco</td>
<td>2 16 11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Snuff (not being offal snuff)</td>
<td>2 18 11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stalks, shorts or other refuse of tobacco, including offal snuff...</td>
<td>2 18 5</td>
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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.

Tobacco (Excise Duty on stock in hand).

4. That—

(a) on all stocks of leaf tobacco and of manufactured tobacco of any description which, at five o'clock in the afternoon on the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, are in the ownership or possession of a licensed manufacturer of tobacco and in any place in the United Kingdom, other than a bonded warehouse, a duty of excise, payable by the manufacturer, shall be charged and the rate of the duty shall be—

(1) so far as the stocks consist of leaf tobacco, three shillings and fourpence for every pound weight of the stocks, and

(2) so far as the stocks consist of manufactured tobacco of any description, three shillings and fourpence for every pound weight of leaf tobacco from which, in the opinion of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, the stocks are derived;

(b) where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that there have been paid on any tobacco either full or preferential duties of customs at the rates in force immediately before the passing of this Resolution and also the duty of excise provided for by this Resolution, drawback shall be allowable in respect of the tobacco at the like rates and subject to the like conditions as the drawback allowable in respect of tobacco on which there have been paid full or preferential duties of customs, as the case may be.
the rates provided for by any Resolution passed by the Committee of Ways and Means together with this Resolution.

Beer (Excise).

5. That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the rates of the duty of excise charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be increased by adding—

(a) nineteen shillings and a penny halfpenny to the sums of seven pounds nineteen shillings and ninetypence specified in Part I of the First Schedule to the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1947; and

(b) eightpence halfpenny to the sum of five shillings and elevenpence so specified;

and, in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the rates increased as aforesaid has been paid, the excise drawback allowed under the said section one shall be allowed at rates increased by adding—

(i) nineteen shillings and a penny halfpenny to the sums of seven pounds nineteen shillings and elevenpence specified in Part II of the said First Schedule; and

(ii) eightpence halfpenny to the sum of five shillings and elevenpence so specified.

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.

Beer (Customs).

6. That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the rates of the duty of customs charged in respect of beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall be increased by adding—

(a) nineteen shillings and a penny halfpenny to the sums of eight pounds nineteen shillings and elevenpence specified in Part III of the First Schedule to the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1947; and

(b) eightpence halfpenny to the sum of five shillings and elevenpence so specified.

and, in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the rates increased as aforesaid has been paid, the customs drawback allowed under the said section one shall be allowed at rates increased by adding—

(i) nineteen shillings and a penny halfpenny to the sums of seven pounds nineteen shillings and elevenpence specified in Part V of the said First Schedule and the sums of eight pounds nineteen shillings and elevenpence specified in Part VI of that Schedule; and

(ii) eightpence halfpenny to the sums of five shillings and elevenpence specified in those Parts of that Schedule;

and, in the case of beer in respect of which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty at the rates increased as aforesaid has been paid, the customs drawback allowed under the said section one shall be allowed at rates increased by adding—

(i) nineteen shillings and a penny halfpenny to the sums of seven pounds nineteen shillings and elevenpence specified in Part V of the said First Schedule and the sums of eight pounds nineteen shillings and elevenpence specified in Part VI of that Schedule; and

(ii) eightpence halfpenny to the sums of five shillings and elevenpence specified in those Parts of that Schedule.

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.

Spirits (Excise).

7. That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the rate of the duty of excise charged on spirits by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part III of the First Schedule to that Act, shall be increased to ten pounds ten shillings and tenpence per gallon computed at proof.

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.

Spirits (Customs).

8. That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duties of customs charged on spirits of the descriptions set out in the first column of the following Table by section three of the Finance Act, 1920, in addition to the duties specified in Part II of the First Schedule to that Act, shall—

(a) in the case of spirits being Empire products, be charged at the rates shown in the second column of that Table; and

(b) in the case of spirits not being Empire products, be charged at the rates shown in the third column of that Table.

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**TABLE.**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of Spirits</th>
<th>Preferential rates</th>
<th>Full rates</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>In case</td>
<td>In bottle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>For every gallon computed at proof or by proof stipulated</td>
<td>10 12</td>
<td>10 13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brandy or rum</td>
<td>s. d.</td>
<td>s. d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unsweetened spirits other than those already enumerated</td>
<td>9 12</td>
<td>9 13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>For every gallon of perfumed spirits</td>
<td>9 12</td>
<td>9 13</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>10 12</td>
<td>11 13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>For every gallon of liqueurs, cordials, mixtures and other preparations in bottle or by proof stipulated, to indicate that the strength is not to be tested</td>
<td>10 12</td>
<td>11 13</td>
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Wines (Customs).

9. That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duties of customs charged on wines under paragraph (a) and paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section three of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, shall respectively be charged at the rates set out in Part I and Part II of the following Table, and the duty charged under paragraph (b) of that subsection on wine not exceeding twenty-seven degrees of proof spirit and being an Empire product shall be calculated accordingly.
TABLE

PART I.
Wines not being Empire Products.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of Wine</th>
<th>Rate of duty per gallon</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Not exceeding 25 degrees proof spirit</td>
<td>£ 8 s. d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exceeding 25 degrees proof spirit and not exceeding 42 degrees proof spirit</td>
<td>£ 5 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>For every degree or fraction of a degree above 42 degrees proof spirit, an additional duty</td>
<td>3 10 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sparkling, an additional duty</td>
<td>0 4 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Still, in bottle, an additional duty</td>
<td>0 2 6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</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.

Sweets (Excise).

10. That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duty of excise on sweets charged under section six of the Finance Act, 1927, shall be charged at the rates set out in the following Table.

TABLE.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of Sweets</th>
<th>Rate of duty per gallon</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Not exceeding 27 degrees proof spirit</td>
<td>£ 6 s. d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exceeding 27 degrees proof spirit</td>
<td>£ 1 2 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sparkling, an additional duty</td>
<td>0 6 0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</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.

Key Industry Duty (Customs).

11. That the duties of customs chargeable under Part I of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921, for a period expiring on the eleventh day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, shall continue to be chargeable for a further period of three years from the said day.

Preferential rates of duties on Tractors and Cycles (Customs).

12. That the Treasury, having regard to the terms of the Geneva Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the time being in force, shall have power by order from time to time to vary the rates of duties of customs on agricultural tractors (not being track-laying tractors), motor bicycles and motor tricycles, being Empire goods.

Preferential rates of silk duties (Customs).

13. That the Treasury, having regard to the terms of the Geneva Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the time being in force, shall have power by order from time to time to vary the rates of the duties of customs on articles of apparel of silk or artificial silk, being Empire products.

Rice in the Husk (Customs).

14. That in section eighth of the Finance Act, 1935 (which charges an Ottawa duty on rice in the husk) the proviso to subsection (1) (which affects the duration of that duty) shall cease to have effect.

Patent Leather (Customs).

15. That in section six of the Finance Act, 1934 (which imposes an Ottawa duty on certain patent leather), the proviso to subsection (2) (which affects the duration of that duty) shall cease to have effect.

Table Waters (Customs).

16. That, as from the first day of May, Table Waters not exceeding nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duties of customs chargeable on table waters shall cease.

Table Waters (Excise).

17. That, as from the first day of May, Table Waters nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duties of customs chargeable on table waters shall cease.

Pool Betting Duty (Excise).

18. That, as respects bets (other than bets Pool Betting made by means of a totalisator set up on a dog racecourse which is a track in respect of which a licence granted under Part I of the Betting and Lotteries Act, 1934, is for the time being in force) made, whether before or after the passing of this Resolution, by reference to any event taking place after the passing of this Resolution—

(a) the duties of excise on table waters, and
(b) the duties of excise on licences to be taken out annually by persons who sell table waters, shall cease.

Part II.
Wines being Empire Products.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of Wine</th>
<th>Rate of duty per gallon</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Exceeding 27 degrees proof spirit and not exceeding 42 degrees proof spirit</td>
<td>£ 2 0 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>For every degree or fraction of a degree above 42 degrees proof spirit, an additional duty</td>
<td>0 3 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sparkling, an additional duty</td>
<td>0 1 0 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Still, in bottle, an additional duty</td>
<td>0 1 6 0</td>
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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.

Key Industry Duty (Customs).

19. That the Treasury, having regard to the terms of the Geneva Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the time being in force, shall have power by order from time to time to vary the rates of the duties of customs on articles of apparel of silk or artificial silk, being Empire products.

Rice in the Husk (Customs).

20. That in section eighth of the Finance Act, 1935 (which charges an Ottawa duty on rice in the husk) the proviso to subsection (1) (which affects the duration of that duty) shall cease to have effect.

Patent Leather (Customs).

21. That in section six of the Finance Act, 1934 (which imposes an Ottawa duty on certain patent leather), the proviso to subsection (2) (which affects the duration of that duty) shall cease to have effect.

Table Waters (Customs).

22. That, as from the first day of May, Table Waters nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duties of customs chargeable on table waters shall cease.

Table Waters (Excise).

23. That, as from the first day of May, Table Waters nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the duties of customs chargeable on table waters shall cease.

Pool Betting Duty (Excise).

24. That, as respects bets (other than bets Pool Betting made by means of a totalisator set up on a dog racecourse which is a track in respect of which a licence granted under Part I of the Betting and Lotteries Act, 1934, is for the time being in force) made, whether before or after the passing of this Resolution, by reference to any event taking place after the passing of this Resolution—

(a) section six of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1947, shall have effect as if in subsection (1) thereof for the words "ten per cent." there were substituted the words "twenty per cent."; and
(b) without prejudice to the definition of pool betting contained in the said section six, bets shall be deemed for the purposes of that section and of the Fifth Schedule to the said Act to be made by way of pool betting whenever a number of persons make bets on terms that the winnings of such of those persons as are winners shall be, or shall include, an amount (not determined by reference to the stake-money paid or agreed to be paid by those persons) which is divisible in any proportions among such of those persons as are winners.

For the purposes of this Resolution, the expressions "bet" and "totalisator" have the same meaning as in the said section six.

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.
Bookmakers' Licence Duty (Excise).

19. That a duty of excise of an amount determined in accordance with the following Table shall be charged on a licence to be taken out, on the occasion of a dog race-meeting on a course where there is a totalisator, to carry on bookmaking at the meeting.

**Table.**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>For a course where the public is admitted to</th>
<th>Amount of duty on the licence</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A single enclosure</td>
<td>£4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Three enclosures and no more.</td>
<td>£6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. More than two enclosures.</td>
<td>£8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Any other enclosure</td>
<td>£10</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Exemption from Entertainments Duty (Excise).

20. That entertainments duty shall not be charged on payments for admission to any entertainment held on or after the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, section six of the Finance Act, 1913, with a population not exceeding two thousand or with a population not exceeding sixty-four to the square mile; and

(b) that the seating capacity of the building is not for more than two hundred persons, and this Resolution shall have effect in Scotland with the substitution, for the reference to a rural parish within the meaning of the Local Government Act, 1933, of a reference to a small burgh within the meaning of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947, or a landward parish or the landward part of a parish which is partly landward and partly burghal.

In this Resolution references to buildings do not include references to buildings not attached to permanent foundations.

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.

Mechanically Propelled Vehicles Duty (Receptacles on vehicles).

22. That the weight of a receptacle shall not be exempt from inclusion under proviso (b) to subsection (1) of section seven of the Finance Act, 1937, in the unladen weight of a goods vehicle by reason that it is constructed or adapted for the purpose of being lifted on or off the vehicle with goods or burden contained therein, unless it is shown that it is from time to time actually used for that purpose in the ordinary course of business, but the weight of a receptacle shall be included in the unladen weight of a goods vehicle under that section if it is specially constructed or specially adapted for carrying livestock and is used solely as follows, that is to say, for carrying livestock or, on a journey the main purpose of which is the carriage of livestock, or on the way to the loading point or returning from the discharging point on such a journey, for carrying agricultural produce or agricultural requisites.

**PurCHASE Tax.**

23. That—

(a) as from the ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the provisions of the following Table shall have effect in substitution for any enactment previously in force, for determining what goods are chargeable goods for the purposes of purchase tax and the rates of tax chargeable in respect thereof;

(b) as from the said day, in determining the question which of two rates of purchase tax is chargeable in respect of a vehicle, where that question depends on the retail value of a vehicle, the retail value shall be ascertained on the assumption that the seller by retail suffered the incidence of tax at the lower of the two rates in question;

(c) the Treasury shall have power by order to make any change in the classes of goods which are chargeable goods or in the rate at which tax is chargeable in respect of goods of any class;

(d) any change effected by or under any enactment in the classes of goods which are chargeable goods, or in the rate at which tax is chargeable in respect of goods there were substituted the rates set out in the following Table:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Amount of Payment</th>
<th>Rate of duty</th>
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<tr>
<td>Exceeds £50</td>
<td>£1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exceeds £50 but does not exceed £500</td>
<td>£2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>£500 but does not exceed £5,000</td>
<td>£3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>£5,000 but does not exceed £25,000</td>
<td>£4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>£25,000 but does not exceed £100,000</td>
<td>£5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>£100,000 or more</td>
<td>£6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Reduced rates of Entertainments Duty for stage plays, etc. (Excise).

21. That as respects any payment for admission to any entertainment held on or after the thirtieth day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, section six of the Finance Act, 1943, shall have effect as if for the rates set out in Part I of the Fifth Schedule to that Act.

Reduction of rates of Entertainments Duty for stage plays, etc. (Excise).
of any class, taking effect at any time after the passing of this Resolution shall have effect—
(i) in relation to a purchase of goods delivered under the purchase tax if that time notwithstanding that the purchase was made before that time; and
(ii) in relation to the application of a chargeable process completed after that time notwithstanding that the process was applied in pursuance of a contract made before that time.

**TABLE.**

**PART I.**

**Construction.**

1. The provisions of this Part of this Table shall have effect for the construction of Part II thereof.
2. The words “First,” “Second,” and “Third,” indicate the first, second and third rates of purchase tax.
3. The first, second and third rates of purchase tax are, respectively, one-third, two-thirds and one hundred per cent. of the wholesale value of the goods.
4. Where goods are chargeable under the following provisions of this Table at more than one rate of tax, purchase tax shall be chargeable in respect of those goods at the higher or highest of those rates.
5. The expression “exempt,” means exempt from all charge of purchase tax.
6. The expression “utility,” in relation to any goods, means goods which, under any enactment made by the Board of Trade, are duly marked with a mark defined as the utility mark by any such enactment.

**PART II.**

**Rates of tax.**

**GROUP 1.**

**Garments and footwear:**

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group ... ... ... First.
(b) Utility fully fashioned stockings ... ... ... First.
(c) Utility garments made wholly or mainly of fur skin ... ... Second.
(d) Utility articles not comprised in paragraphs (b) or (c) of this Group ... ... ... Exempt.
(e) Articles made wholly or partly of rough-tanned, undyed sheep or lamb skin with wool attached and designed specially for industrial use ... ... ... First.
(f) Articles made wholly or partly of fur skin (including any skin with fur, hair or wool attached) other than those comprised in paragraphs (b) or (d) of this Group ... ... ... Third.
(g) Surgical appliances ... ... ... Exempt.

**GROUP 2.**

**Headgear:**

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group ... ... ... First.
(b) Articles made wholly or partly of rough-tanned, undyed sheep or lamb skin with wool attached and designed specially for industrial use ... ... ... First.
(c) Articles made wholly or partly of fur skin (including any skin with fur, hair or wool attached) other than those comprised in paragraphs (b) or (d) of this Group ... ... ... Third.
(d) Utility articles ... ... ... Exempt.
(e) Protective helmets designed for use by miners or quarrymen ... ... ... Exempt.
(f) Wigs ... ... ... Exempt.
(g) Surgical appliances ... ... ... Exempt.

**GROUP 3.**

**Gloves:**

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group ... ... ... First.
(b) Articles made wholly or partly of rough-tanned, undyed sheep or lamb skin with wool attached and designed specially for industrial use ... ... ... First.
(c) Articles made wholly or partly of fur skin (including any skin with fur, hair or wool attached) other than those comprised in paragraphs (b) or (d) of this Group ... ... ... Third.
(d) Utility articles ... ... ... Exempt.
(e) Surgical appliances ... ... ... Exempt.

**GROUP 4.**

**Haberdashery, including patterns for making apparel:**

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group ... ... ... First.
(b) Articles made wholly or partly of fur skin (including any skin with fur, hair or wool attached) ... ... ... Third.
(c) Utility articles ... ... ... Exempt.
(d) Sewing thread, and mending and knitting wool ... ... ... Exempt.

**GROUP 5.**

**Textile articles of a kind used for domestic purposes and articles made of any material which are of a kind used as domestic soft furnishings or as domestic bedding:**

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group ... ... ... Second.
(b) Utility articles ... ... ... Exempt.
(c) Floor coverings ... ... ... Not chargeable under this Group.
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GROUP 6.
Tissues and fabrics:
(a) Tissues and fabrics whether in the piece, shaped or partly made-up, including such tissues and fabrics which have been dyed, printed, coated or otherwise treated, but not including tissues and fabrics comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group. ...... Exempt.
(b) Utility cloth ...... Exempt.
(c) Fabrics of the following descriptions, not being woven-figured fabrics, pile fabrics, braids, fringes, gimps or similar trimmings, furnishings fabrics, sarti or overcoatings, or fabrics which have been bleached, printed, embroidered or otherwise decorated:

(i) Jute fabrics ...... Exempt.
(ii) Felt fabrics ...... Exempt.
(iii) Glass fibre fabrics ...... Exempt.
(iv) Asbestos fabrics ...... Exempt.
(v) Woven fabrics not containing wool which weigh not less than 12 ounces per square yard ...... Exempt.

(vi) Woven fabrics containing wool which weigh not less than 18 ounces per square yard ...... Exempt.
(d) Bolting cloth ...... Exempt.
(e) Machinery belting ...... Exempt.
(f) Tracing cloth ...... Exempt.
(g) Abrasive cloth ...... Exempt.
(h) Varnished or bitumenised cloth and varnished or bitumenised tape of the kinds used for the purpose of electrical insulation ...... Exempt.
(i) Netting of cordage, rope or twine, including fishing net, but not including composite fabrics incorporating such netting and not including sports netting ...... Exempt.
(j) Rags ...... Exempt.
(k) Lamp wick ...... Exempt.
(l) Fabrics of a kind suitable for and prepared or put up in special packs as surgical dressings ...... Exempt.
(m) Floor coverings ...... Not chargeable under this Group.

GROUP 7.
Plastic sheeting in the piece or in cut lengths of a kind suitable for making garments or curtains, tablecloths and similar soft furnishings ...... Second.

GROUP 8.
Fur skin (including any skin with fur, hair or wool attached), dressed ...... Third.

GROUP 9.
(a) Floor coverings ...... First.

(b) Rugs made of fur skin (including any skin with fur, hair or wool attached) ...... Third.
(ii) Other rugs, except floor rugs ...... Second.

GROUP 10.
(a) Wallpaper ...... First.
(b) Window display papers, being fancy papers coated, stained, printed, embossed, laminated or otherwise decorated, including coated poster papers, but not including such papers cut to size suitable for use as box papers or as printing paper ...... First.
(c) Paper handkerchiefs, paper towels, paper serviettes, paper doyleys, paper table covers, paper table decorations, shelf paper, and similar articles of paper ...... Second.

GROUP II.
Furniture, hardware, ironmongery, turnery, table-ware, kitchen-ware and toilet-ware, being articles of a kind used for domestic or office purposes:
(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group ...... Exempt.
(b) Tables, desks, chairs, sideboards, beds, chest, drawers, cupboards and similar furniture, except those comprised in paragraph (e) of this Group ...... Second.
(ii) Wire and spring mattresses except those comprised in paragraph (e) of this Group ...... Second.
(c) Mirrors, whether framed or not ...... Third.
(d) Glassware of cut glass ...... Third.
(e) Utility furniture and component parts of utility furniture ...... Exempt.
(f) Invalid chairs ...... Exempt.
(g) Picture frames of wood, plain, gilt or coloured, with or without ornamental composition, which are made from moulding of a width not less at any point than three inches ...... Exempt.
(h) Metal clothes lockers of a kind installed in cloakrooms other than domestic cloakrooms ...... Exempt.
(i) Vessels designed for use primarily as containers for food or drink in the course of its storage, preparation or consumption, and lids for use with such vessels, but not including articles of cut glass, articles made wholly or partly of stainless steel, articles coated or plated with silver, or articles of nickel, Britannia metal, nickel silver, pewter or similar metals ...... Not chargeable under this Group.
GROUP 12.

Cooking, heating, refrigerating and other appliances and apparatus, whether mechanically operated or not, being appliances and apparatus of a kind used for domestic purposes, except mechanical lighters:

(a) Appliances and apparatus not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group...

(b) Appliances and apparatus of a kind suitable for operation from electric or gas mains for the conversion of electricity or gas into heat for the purpose of space heating or water heating, of the following descriptions:

(i) Space heating appliances and apparatus, including appliances and apparatus of a kind used for boiling or cooking and also for space heating...

(ii) Instantaneous water heaters...

(iii) Immersion water heaters...

(iv) Storage water heaters...

(v) Circulator water heaters for tank storage...

(vi) Water boilers for tank storage or central heating...

(c) Cooking, space heating and water heating appliances of a kind not suitable for operation from electric or gas mains, of the following descriptions:

(i) Stoves, grates, ranges, fireplaces and ovens...

(ii) Radiators and convector...

GROUP 13.

Cutlery suitable for domestic or personal use and spoons, forks and similar articles suitable for domestic use:

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group and blanks of articles not so comprised...

(b) Articles designed for use solely in the course of any trade, profession, employment or vocation and unsuitable for use for other purposes...

(c) Articles consisting of a knife and fork combined specially designed for use by persons not having the full use of their arms, and other articles specially designed for use by such persons...

GROUP 14.

(a) Fittings of a kind used for interior domestic or office lighting:

(i) Table and floor standards (whether complete or not)...

(ii) Brackets, pendants, candelabra and electroliers...

(iii) Lanterns, shades, bowls and reflectors...

(iv) Glass chimneys and similar primary glasses being chimneys and glasses designed for oil or candle lamps...

(v) Other illuminating glasswear...

(b) Incandescent mantles...

(c) Electric filament lamps not exceeding 250 watts and fluorescent lighting tubes not exceeding 50 watts...

GROUP 15.

Hand lamps and hand torches:

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group...

(b) Acetylene hand lamps...

(c) Miners’ safety lamps...
GROUP 17.

(a) Clocks and watches:—
   (i) articles not comprised in any of the following sub-
       paragraphs of this paragraph
   (ii) clocks and watches
       made wholly or partly of
gold, silver or other precious
metal (including gold plate,
but not including base metal
which is gilt or silver-plated)
   (iii) clocks designed for use
       as public clocks with dials
       not less than 2 feet in dia-
       meter or with dials having a
diagonal measurement of 2
feet 6 inches or more ... Exempt.

(b) Clock movements and watch
movements:—
   (i) articles not comprised in
       any of the following sub-
       paragraphs of this paragraph
   (ii) movements, complete
       with hands, designed for
mechanical and impulse
   clocks with dials not less
than 2 feet in diameter or
   with dials having a diagonal
measurement of 2 feet 6
   inches or more ... Exempt.
   (iii) movements, complete
       with hands, designed for syn-
chronous clocks with dials
not less than 2 feet 6 inches
in diameter or with dials
having a diagonal measure-
ment of 3 feet or more ... Exempt.

(c) Cases for, and accessories to,
clocks and watches, and watch
chains, wristlet watch straps
and similar articles:—
   (i) articles not comprised in
       the following sub-para-
       graph of this paragraph
   (ii) articles made wholly or
       partly of gold, silver or other
precious metal (including
   gold plate, but not including
   base metal which is gilt or
   silver-plated) ... Third.

GROUP 18.

(a) Wireless receiving sets of the
domestic, portable or road
vehicle types (including kits of
parts, whether or not assembled
and whether or not complete,
of a kind used in the assembly
of such sets) and valves suitable
for use therewith ... Second.

(b) Batteries and accumulators
suitable for use with wireless
receiving sets of the domestic
or portable type, other than dry
batteries of not more than 6
volts ... First.

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profession, employment or vocation and unsuitable for use for other purposes ...  Second.
(ii) other articles ...  Third.
(b) Articles made of other materials ...  ...  ...  Second.

GROUP 24.

(a) Photographic cameras and photographic enlargers and lenses and other parts of, and accessories to, photographic cameras and photographic enlargers:—

(i) articles not comprised in any of the following sub-paragraphs of this paragraph ...  Second.
(ii) cinematograph cameras for film of standard width and parts of, and accessories to, such cameras ...  ...  ...  Exempt.
(iii) articles suitable only for industrial, scientific or military use ...  ...  ...  Exempt.
(b) Unexposed, sensitised photographic paper, cloth, plates and film:—

(i) articles not comprised in any of the following sub-paragraphs of this paragraph ...  Second.
(ii) X-ray plates, film and paper ...  ...  ...  Exempt.
(iii) ferro-prussiate, ferro-gallic and dye-line paper and cloth ...  ...  Exempt.
(iv) document base paper, transparent tracing paper and tracing cloth ...  Exempt.

GROUP 25.

Pictures, prints, engravings, photographs, figures, busts, reliefs, vases and similar articles, of a kind produced in quantity for general sale:

(a) Articles not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group ...  ...  ...  Third.
(b) Reproductions, irrespective of size, and whether plain or coloured, of such pictures, prints, engravings and similar articles as were executed more than one hundred years before the date on which tax becomes due in respect of the reproductions ...  ...  ...  Third.
(c) Cinematograph films, film-strips and lantern slides, being films, film-strips and lantern slides containing pictures for exhibition by means of a projector ...  ...  ...  Not chargeable under this Group.
(d) Wallpaper ...  ...  ...  Exempt.

GROUP 26.

Jewellery and imitation jewellery, being articles consisting wholly or partly of stones or beads (precious, semi-precious or imitation) or of pearls (real, cultured or imitation) ...  Third.

GROUP 27.

(a) Goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares, being articles made wholly or partly of gold, silver or other precious metal (including gold plate but not including base metal which is gilt or silver-plated), other than articles comprised in the following paragraphs of this Group ...  Third.
(b) Miniatures or reproductions of the insignia of orders, decorations and medals granted by the Sovereign or conferred by or in the gift of a foreign Sovereign State or the Head of a foreign Sovereign State, and ribbons, bars and clasps designed for wear with, or with miniatures or reproductions of, such orders, decorations and medals (including made-up ribbon bars) ...  ...  ...  Exempt.

GROUP 28.

(a) Articles made wholly or partly of ivory, amber, jet, coral, natural shells or tortoise-shell, or of jade, onyx, lapis lazuli or other semi-precious stones ...  Third.
(b) Articles made wholly or partly of mother-of-pearl other than buttons and studs ...  ...  ...  Third.

GROUP 29.

Fancy or ornamental articles suitable for personal or domestic use, and of a kind produced in quantity for general sale:—

(a) which consist of or incorporate figures, or which are decorated by hand-painting, or which are miniatures of or otherwise imitate other articles ...  Third.
(b) of other descriptions, not being articles chargeable under any other Group ...  ...  Second.

GROUP 30.

(a) Hair waving machines and similar hair waving appliances ...  First.
(b) Hair drying machines ...  First.

GROUP 31.

Toilet requisites, except face cloths and towels:—

(a) Articles not comprised in the following paragraph of this Group ...  ...  ...  Third.
(b) Brushes, combs, scissors, razors and razor blades, razor strops, razor sharpeners, dry shavers and dry shaver heads, sponges, toilet paper, dental sticks and toothpicks, not being articles supplied as part of a toilet set ...  ...  ...  First.

GROUP 32.

(a) Perfumery ...  ...  ...  Third.
(b) Toilet preparations, whether medicated or not, including cosmetics:—
(i) articles not comprised in the following sub-paragraph of this paragraph ... Third.
(ii) soap made up for sale as toilet soap; soap substituents made up for sale as substitutes for toilet soap; shaving creams; shampoos; dentifrices; eye lotions, mouth washes and antiseptics; calamine lotion and similar alleviating toilet preparations, un-perfumed ... First.

GROUP 33.
Drugs and medicines, manufactured or prepared, except the drugs and medicines set out in the Schedule to the Purchase Tax Order, 1948 ... First.

GROUP 34.
(a) Diaries, calendars, greeting cards and similar articles ... First.
(b) Stationery and office requisites, except furniture and machinery ... First.

GROUP 35.
(a) Road vehicles constructed or adapted solely or mainly for the carriage of passengers 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, other than vehicles comprised in any of the following paragraphs of this Group:—
(i) mechanically propelled vehicles of a retail value of more than one thousand two hundred and eighty pounds, the vehicle ... Second.
(ii) other mechanically propelled vehicles ... First.
(iii) vehicles not mechanically propelled ... First.
(b) Bicycles and tricycles (whether mechanically propelled or not) constructed or adapted solely or mainly for the carriage of passengers ... First.
(c) Ambulances, invalid carriages and perambulators.

Tramcars, trolley vehicles and other vehicles constructed to carry not less than twelve passengers.
Vehicles of not less than 3 tons unladen weight.
Prison vans and fire tenders.
Caravans.
Vehicles of the following descriptions in which the accommodation for carrying passengers is only incidental to the use of the vehicle for other purposes:—
bullion vans;

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Reduced Rate Relief.

28. That—

(a) Where there is earned income of the wife available for relief under the said subsection (2) of the said section forty, other than earned income treated as such for the purposes of subsection (2) of section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1927 (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 fifty pounds, that the deduction of tax on an amount equal to one-sixth of his income, charged at one-third of the standard rate, shall be diminished by the amount of the deficiency), the words "one hundred and thirty-five pounds" shall be substituted for the words "one hundred and fifty pounds";

(b) in 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 five-sixths of the earned income of the claimant's wife) the words "four-fifths" shall be substituted for the words "five-sixths";

(c) in section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1927 (which, as amended by subsection (4) of section forty of the same Act, provides for tax being charged at one-third of the standard rate on not more than fifty pounds of a person's income and at two-thirds of the standard rate on not more than another seventy-five pounds thereof) a reference to two hundred pounds shall be substituted for the refer- ence to seventy-five pounds;

(2) The said subsection (2), as amended by the preceding provisions of this Resolution, shall, where the income of a person includes both earned income of his wife and other income available for relief under the said subsection (2), have effect subject to the following provisions—

(a) Where there is earned income of the wife available for relief under the said subsection (2) of the said section forty, the amount of the earned income so available, or to one hundred pounds, whichever is the smaller, shall be substituted in the said subsection (2) for the reference to fifty pounds:

Provided that the additional relief afforded by this Resolution for the year 1948-49 shall not affect the amount of tax deductible or repayable before the sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

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.

Reduced Rate Relief.

28. That—

(a) Where there is earned income of the wife available for relief under the said subsection (2) of the said section forty, other than earned income treated as such for the purposes of subsection (2) of section eighteen of the Finance Act, 1927 (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 five-sixths of the earned income of the claimant's wife) the words "four-fifths" shall be substituted for the words "five-sixths";

(b) Where the earned income of the wife available for relief under the said subsection (2) exceeds fifty pounds, a reference to two hundred pounds plus the amount of the excess or to four hundred pounds, whichever is the smaller, shall be substituted in the said subsection (2) for the reference to two hundred pounds:

Provided that where the other income available for relief under the said subsection (2) does not exceed fifty pounds, this sub-paragraph shall not apply, and where the said other income exceeds fifty pounds and falls short of two hundred and fifty pounds, the amount a reference to which is to be substituted as aforesaid under this sub-paragraph shall be diminished by the amount of the deficiency;

(c) Where the earned income of the wife available for relief under the said subsection (2) exceeds fifty pounds, a reference to two hundred pounds plus the amount of the excess or to four hundred pounds, whichever is the smaller, shall be substituted in the said subsection (2) for the reference to two hundred pounds:

Provided that where the other income available for relief under the said subsection (2) does not exceed fifty pounds, this sub-paragraph shall not apply, and where the said other income exceeds fifty pounds and falls short of two hundred and fifty pounds, the amount a reference to which is to be substituted as aforesaid under this sub-paragraph shall be diminished by the amount of the deficiency;

(1) In subsection (2) of section forty of the Finance Act, 1927 (which, as amended by subsection (4) of section forty of the same Act, 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 fifty pounds, that the deduction of tax on an amount equal to one-sixth of his income, charged at one-third of the standard rate, shall be diminished by the amount of the deficiency), the words "one hundred and thirty-five pounds" shall be substituted for the words "one hundred and fifty pounds";

Provided that the additional relief afforded by this Resolution for the year 1948-49 shall not affect the amount of tax deductible or repayable before the sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

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.
other than earned income of the wife, less the total of the amounts, tax on which falls to be deducted under subsection (1) of the said section forty, and subject to the following provisions as fall to be deducted from the earned income of the wife in ascertaining the earned income of the wife available for relief under subsection (2) of the said section forty;

(4) The additional relief afforded by this Resolution for the year 1948-49 shall not affect the amount of the tax deductible or repayable before the sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

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.

Expenses, etc., of Directors, Employees and others.

29. That where—

(a) a body corporate, unincorporated society or other body makes any payment in respect of expenses to, or provides any money or any benefits or facilities in kind for, any director, any person taking part in the management of its affairs or any employee; or

(b) an individual or partnership carrying on a trade, profession or vocation makes any payment in respect of expenses to, or provides any money or any benefits or facilities in kind for, any employee, the payment, money, benefits or facilities shall, in such manner and to such extent as may be provided by any Act of the present Session for giving effect to this Resolution, be taken into account for income tax purposes as perquisites of the office or employment of the director, person taking part as aforesaid or employee.

British Electricity Authority and Electricity Boards.

30. That the Income Tax Acts shall, in relation to the British Electricity Authority and any Area Board established by or under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 1947, have effect, and be deemed always to have had effect, subject to the following provisions—

(a) any trade or business carried on by any such Board shall be treated as if it were part of the trade or business carried on by the said Authority;

(b) subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) of this Resolution, any property, rights or liabilities of any such Board shall be treated as property, rights or liabilities of the said Authority, and anything done by or to any such Board shall be deemed to have been done by or to the said Authority;

(c) any rights, liabilities or things done—

(i) of, by or to the said Authority against, to or by any such Board; or

(ii) of, by, or to any such Board against, to or by the said Authority, or any obligations in respect of income tax shall be left out of account, and income tax shall be charged accordingly, and the obligations of the said Authority as respects income tax shall be included and be deemed always to have been included among

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the obligations contributions towards the satisfaction of which may be required from the said Boards under section forty-one of the Electricity Act, 1947.

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.

Double taxation agreement with Government of Eire.

31. That the agreement between the United Kingdom Government and the Eire Government amending the agreements set out in the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1926, and the Fourth Schedule to the Finance Act, 1928, a copy of which was laid before Parliament by command of His Majesty in the month of August, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, shall be confirmed and shall, subject to confirmation by the Oireachtas of Eire, have effect accordingly.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Special Contribution.

32. That where the total income of an individual for the year 1947-48, ascertained as Parliament may determine, exceeds two thousand pounds and his investment income for that year, ascertained as aforesaid, exceeds two hundred and fifty pounds, there shall be charged a special contribution in accordance with the following Table, together with interest from such time as Parliament may determine:

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Profits Tax.

33. That the extent and incidence of the Profits Tax. Profits Tax (for past and future chargeable accounting periods) shall be varied so as to give effect to amendments affecting the computation of profits or losses or the transactions to be treated as distributions to proprietors or affecting the treatment of the British Electricity Authority and Area Boards established by or under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 1947.

Relief from double death duties.

34. That effect may be given to arrange-...
payable under the laws of the United Kingdom and any duty leviable on, or by reference to, death imposed under the laws of that territory, so far as the arrangements provide for determining the place where any property is to be treated as being situated for the purposes of estate duty; and the arrangements to which effect is given may include provisions as respects deaths occurring on or after the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and provisions as to property which is not itself subject to double duty.

Estate Duty.

35. That, for the purposes of estate duty and as respects persons dying on or after the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, property passing on the death of the deceased shall be deemed to include—
(a) money received under a policy of assurance effected by the deceased on his life and wholly or partly kept up out of money comprised in or arising under a settlement made by the deceased; and
(b) money received under a policy of assurance effected on the life of the deceased under a settlement made by the deceased.

The First Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), 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 [Mr. Simmons, Yeas,
Mr. Wilkins;]
Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Noes,
Mr. Studholme;]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Second Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Third Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Fourth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Fifth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Sixth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Seventh Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), 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 [Mr. Simmons, Yeas,
Mr. Wilkins;]
Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Noes,
Major Conant;]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Eighth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Ninth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Tenth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Eleventh Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Twelfth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Thirteenth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Fourteenth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Fifteenth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Sixteenth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Seventeenth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Eighteenth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Nineteenth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twentieth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twenty-first Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twenty-second Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twenty-third Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twenty-fourth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twenty-fifth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twenty-sixth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twenty-seventh Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twenty-eighth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twenty-ninth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Thirtieth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Thirty-first Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Thirty-second Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Thirty-third Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Thirty-fourth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the 
Mr. Pearson, 
Major Conant, 
Tellers for the 
Mr. Richard Adams; 
Major Ramsay; 
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Thirty-third Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Thirty-fourth Resolution being read a second time;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Thirty-fifth Resolution being read a second time;

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Joseph Henderson reported from the Committee on Finance [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund—

(a) of the sum of five hundred million pounds for the permanent annual charge for the National Debt for the current financial year, instead of the sum of three hundred and fifty-five million pounds;

(b) of such sums as fall to be issued therefrom by reason of the treating of the Defence Bonds and Savings Certificates, issued by the Government of Palestine, and the money raised thereby, as securities issued, and money raised, under the National Loans Act, 1939, in the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Simmons reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 13th day of this instant April, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Amendment of Law.

1. That it is expedient to amend the law with regard to the tax on National Debt and the public revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance.

Mechanically propelled vehicles (Remission of duty in certain cases).

2. That:

(1) Where, on or after the first day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and before such date as may be specified by order of the Treasury, a licence under section thirteen of the Finance Act, 1920, is issued, 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, 1943.

The First Resolution being read a second time;

And the Question being put forthwith, Questions put pursuant to S. O. (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Second Resolution being read a second time;

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Finance said Resolutions, being upon the other Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means and the Resolution reported from the Committee on Finance [Money] and agreed to this day: And that the Chairman of Ways
and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Glennvil Hall and Mr. Jay do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Glennvil Hall accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with Finance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Criminal Justice [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to abolish penal servitude, hard labour, prison divisions and sentences of whipping, to amend the law relating to the probation of offenders, and otherwise to reform existing methods and provide new methods of dealing with offenders and persons liable to imprisonment, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any increase in the sums so payable under section four of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act, 1908, which is attributable to any provisions of the said Act of the present Session, whereby persons charged with indictable offences who are acquitted or discharged, or whose appeal against conviction is allowed by the Court of Criminal Appeal or in whose favour an appeal to the House of Lords under subsection (b) of section one of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1907, is determined, may receive out of local funds costs incurred in the conduct of their defence or on appeal;

(b) of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the conduct of research into the causes of delinquency and the treatment of offenders and matters connected therewith, and of such sums as the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, direct to be paid towards the expenditure of any body or person approved by the Secretary of State in the conduct of such research.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Criminal Justice Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Charge of housebreaking triable summarily)—(Mr. Manningham-Buller); 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 (Disclosure of information to accused person)—(Mr. Weitzman); 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 (Appeals)—(Mr. Manningham-Buller); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 18, l. 5, by leaving out the words "of summary jurisdiction."—(Mr. Royle).

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. 19, l. 2, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and that he may thereafter be required to be under the supervision of a probation officer for a period equal to the period for which he is ordered to be detained."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 30, l. 45, by inserting, after the word "conviction," the word "order."—(Mr. Peake.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "order" 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. 36, l. 9, by inserting, after the word "partner," the words "or employee."—(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. 44, l. 44, by leaving out from the word "term," to the end of the subsection.—(Mr. Grimston.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 71, l. 4, by inserting, after the word "sentence," the words "or six months from the date of release, whichever is the longer."—(Mr. Benson).

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.

Then the Title of the Bill was amended as followeth:—A Bill to suspend the death penalty for murder; to abolish penal servitude, hard labour, prison divisions and sentence of whipping; to amend the law relating to the probation of offenders, and otherwise to reform existing methods and provide new methods of dealing with offenders and persons liable to imprisonment; to amend the law relating to the proceedings of criminal courts, including the law relating to evidence before such courts; to regulate the management of prisons and other institutions and the treatment of offenders and other persons committed to custody; to re-enact certain enactments relating to the matters aforesaid; and for purposes connected therewith.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 22, p. 24, l. 35; Clause No. 68, p. 54, l. 42 and p. 55, l. 30; the new Clause (Payment of costs of defence on acquittal, &c.); and the Amendments to the Ninth Schedule, p. 75, l. 6; p. 78, l. 10; p. 80, l. 23 and p. 83, l. 30, 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.)

Clauses Nos. 22 and 68 amended, and agreed to.

1. Clause (Payment of costs of defence on acquittal)—(Mr. Attorney-General)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Ninth 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 and added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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 (Family Pension Funds) (Amendment) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament—(Mr. Gordon-Walker):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

(Mr. Gordon-Walker.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment.

propose, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-three minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
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 Employment and Training (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 functions of the Minister of Labour and National Service relating to employment and training for employment; it is expedient to authorise

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the following expenditure, that is to say,—

(1) Expenditure incurred by the Minister of Labour and National Service under the provisions of the said Act requiring that Minister to provide such facilities and services as he considers expedient for purposes connected with the promotion of employment, and authorising him—

(a) to establish and maintain employment exchanges, and to provide information, guidance, advice and other services for the purposes aforesaid;

(b) to defray or contribute towards expenditure of local authorities in providing any such services as aforesaid, and to contribute to the funds of voluntary associations having the provision of such services among their objects;

(c) to make payments in respect of the travelling attendance and medical examination of persons availing themselves of such services;

(d) to provide training courses for persons above the upper limit of the compulsory school age, to make payments in respect of the maintenance or travelling expenses of persons attending at such courses, and to provide facilities and services incidental to such courses;

(e) to defray or contribute towards the cost of training courses provided for such persons as aforesaid by any other authority or person, including the cost of making such payments and providing such facilities and services as aforesaid, and to make the like payments and provide the like facilities and services for such persons when trained by employers in accordance with arrangements made with the Minister;

(f) to make provision by way of grant or loan or otherwise for facilitating the removal of persons for the purposes of obtaining employment, and of the dependants of such persons, for the maintenance, welfare and resettlement of persons so removed, and for their further removal;

(2) Expenditure incurred by the said Minister in the payment to local authorities of sums in respect of their administrative expenses under schemes made under the said Act of the present Session authorising those authorities to undertake, in relation to persons under eighteen years of age or attending school, any such functions as are mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) of the foregoing paragraph;

(3) Any expenditure of the Minister of Education or the Secretary of State under the said Act;

(4) Any expenses or allowances payable to the members of the National Juvenile Employment Council and the Advisory Committees for Scotland and Wales to be established under the said Act, or of any other committee appointed by the Minister of Labour and National Service under the said Act, or of any committee or sub-committee thereof.

B. The charging on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, and the issue thereout to the Government of Northern Ireland, of any amounts required under the said Act of the present Session to be so charged and issued on account of expenses incurred by that Government under any laws made by the Parliament of Northern Ireland pursuant to the said Act for purposes similar to any of the purposes thereof.—(Mr. Isaacs.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment. proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson); And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn,— Adjournment. (Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Prayers.

The following Papers, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 16th day of this instant April, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copies of Orders, dated 16th April 1948.

(1) The General Apparel, Furnishings and Textiles (Manufacturer’s Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1948, and
Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Court of Enquiry, held at Berlin between the 14th and the 16th day of April 1948, into the circumstances of the collision between a Viking Airliner and a Soviet-Services Aircraft on the 5th day of April 1948 (with plan).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of University Court Ordinances—

(1) No. 250 (No. 51 of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen) (Regulations for Simpson and Boxhill Foundations ; Amendment of Ordinance No. 39; Aberdeen No. 19), and

(2) No. 253 (No. 61 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Foundation of the Mechan Chair in the Faculty of Engineering).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 7th April 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 19) Order, 1948,

(2) dated 16th April 1948, entitled the Domestic Pottery (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948,

(3) dated 16th April 1948, entitled the General Hardware and Ironmongery (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948, and

(4) dated 16th April 1948, entitled the General Hollow-ware (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

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) Hartlepool Town Council. 

(2) Preston Town Council.

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 16th April 1948, entitled the Control of Rates of Hire of Plant Order, 1948.

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 16th April 1948, entitled—

(1) the Proprietary Infant Milk Foods Order, 1947 (Amendment) Order, 1948, and

(2) the Welfare Foods Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That this day the Business of the House Supply may be taken after Ten of the clock, and shall be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for One hour after Ten of the clock; and that, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Time for taking private business), any Private Business set down for consideration at Seven of the clock this evening, by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, may be taken after Nine of the clock.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply [seventh 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 Export targets to the Question, by leaving out from the word "for 1948, "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House expresses its alarm at the revision of the export targets for 1948 and its concern at the lack of definite plans for their achievement"—(Mr. Hollis), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question ;

And it being Seven of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under the Standing Order (Time for taking private business), further Proceeding stood postponed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the University of Sheffield (Lands) Bill, as amended in the Committee ;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration.

And an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Charles Taylor).

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration.—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Smethwick Corporation Bill was, Smethwick Corporation Bill, accordingly read a second time, and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause No. 13 and the Schedule.—(Mr. Harold Roberts) :—It passed in the Negative.

The House resumed the postponed Pro-Supply, reading on the Amendment to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

And the Question being again 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.)

Civil Estimates, 1948–49.  
Class I.

Vote 2. House of Commons.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £582,933, 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 1949, 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—(Mr. Pearson).—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.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.  
(Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Employment and Training Bill to Standing Committee A.

[No. 103.]

Tuesday, 20th April, 1948.

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 thereto, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

London County Council (Money) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The South Suburban Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Pay.

Copy of Regulations, dated 14th April 1948, entitled the Holidays with Pay (Agricultural Workers—Scotland) (Application of Enactments) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th April 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Underwear and Nightwear) (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948.

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 15th April 1948, entitled the Hill Cattle Scheme Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order, 1948.

Copy of a Scheme, dated 15th April 1948, entitled the Hill Cattle (Northern Ireland) (Amendment Scheme, 1948.

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 Bolton 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 directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th April 1948, entitled the Citric Acid and Tartaric Acid (Revocation) Order, 1948.

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 (r) of Section 2 of the Building Materials and Housing Act, 1945, showing receipts and payments during the period ended the 31st day of March 1947, 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was brought from the Lords by the Lords.

And the Principal Clerk of the House of Commons, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Funds) Appropriation Act, 1947, had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Secretary Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Pay.

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Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was brought from the Lords by the Lords.

And one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision for the care of Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937, the Guardianship of Infants Act, 1925,
and certain other enactments relating to children; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Children Bill [Lords], Bill 73.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be suspended, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 13 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Return or forfeiture of candidate's deposit).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words, "if the number of candidates shown as standing nominated did not exceed three or one-tenth of the total number of votes polled if the number of such candidates exceeded three."

—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Brigadier Macbesson : 125,
Mr. Pearson,
Mr. Richard Adams : 264.

Noes,
Mr. Thurtle.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 16 agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Discharge of functions of returning officer).

Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 16, at the beginning, to insert the words, "subject as in subsection (3) of this section provided."—(Mr. Thurtle.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 18 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 19 agreed to.

Clause No. 20 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Electors).

Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words—

"(iii) make application to the Registration Officer for the area concerned on a form of declaration to be issued, on request, by the Registration Officer; and."—(Mrs. Corbett.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 22 (Residence, occupation, etc.).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 7, to leave out from the word "weeks," to the word "but," in line 9.—(Mr. Gallacher.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Registration).

Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 2, after the word "prepare," to insert the words "and publish."—(Mr. Gallacher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Place and manner of voting as elector).

Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 45, to leave out the words "or as non-residents."—(Mr. Gibson.)

Question proposed, That the words "or as non-residents," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 24, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) A person not registered as a service voter if unable or likely to be unable to go in person to the polling station by reason either—

(a) of the general nature of his occupation, service or employment; or

(b) of his service as a member of any of His Majesty's Reserve or Auxiliary Forces may vote by proxy if he applies to be treated as an absent voter and is likely to be at sea or out of the United Kingdom on the date of the poll."—(Mr. Peake.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 26, l. 47, to leave out from the first word "elections," to the end of l. 48.—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 25 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 26 (Service voters' proxies).

Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 6, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 27 and 28 amended, and agreed to.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.:Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clauses Nos. 29 and 30 agreed to.

Clause No. 31 (Limit of, and return and declarations as to, expenses).

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 38, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that the said amounts may be varied from time to time by regulation in such manner as may appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary having regard to the difference between the level of costs affecting election expenses in the year nineteen hundred and forty-four and in the year in which such regulations are made."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 32 agreed to.

Clause No. 33 (Candidate's right to use certain schools and halls for election meetings).
Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words "provided that the cost of any such damage shall not be included in a candidate’s election expenses."—(Mr. Niall Macpherson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 34 to 36 agreed to.

Clause No. 37 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 38 and 39 agreed to.

Clause No. 40 (Prohibition of expenses not authorised by election agent).

Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 34, after the word "candidate," to insert the word "or."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That the word "or" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 35, to leave out from the word "agent," to the end of l. 42.—(Mr. James Reid.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 44, to leave out sub-paragraph (i).—(Mr. Niall Macpherson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 45, after the word "matter" to insert the words "by way of fair comment or report."—(Mr. Niall Macpherson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 39, l. 1, to leave out sub-paragraph (ii).—(Mr. Peake.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 39, l. 4, at the end, to insert the words—"Provided that nothing in this section shall render it unlawful for a political party to incur expense in the presentation to the electorate of the views of that political party in the election, where no member of that political party has been nominated as candidate in the election concerned."—(Mr. Gallacher.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Chairman to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power, under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wallingford, which was presented on the 8th day of March last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

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 Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Wallasey, which was presented on the 17th day of March last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Popplewell) —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 Standing Order, it being then twelve minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 104.]

Wednesday, 21st April, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE Railway Clearing System Superannuation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Bevan presented a Bill to confirm a Ministry of Health Provisional Order of the Minister of Health, relating to the City of Sheffield: And the same Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Glcnvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Local Loans directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement Stock, up to the 31st day of March 1948, of the sums issued from the Consolidated Fund in respect of the redemption of 3 per cent. Local Loans Stock.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevis presented, by His France (No. 1, Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Cultural Convention between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic (with Protocol and Notes exchanged), signed at Paris on the 2nd day of March 1948 (This Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th April 1948, entitled the Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 10) Order, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 14th April 1948, entitled the Lloyd’s and other Approved Associations (Forms of Annual Statements) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st April 1948, entitled the Woven Cloth (Wool and Animal Fibre) (Manufacture, Marking and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of—

(1) the Borough of Bangor,
(2) the Dudley Brierley Hill and District Gas Company, and
(3) the Borough of Tiverton.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Motor Spirit (Regulation) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Attorney General, the Lord Advocate and Mr. Robens, presented a Bill to create certain offences in connection with the supply and use of motor spirit, and for purposes connected therewith:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Business of the House.

Question proposed, That the word “ninth,” and insert the word “twentieth.”—(Mr. Amory.)

Question proposed, That the word “ninth” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 52, I. 28, at the end, to insert the words “not later than the end of the preceding November.”—(Mr. Butcher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 52, I. 32, to leave out from the word “consultation,” to the word “with,” in line 33. (Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 52, I. 36, at the end, to insert the words—

“(a) (i) The term of office of councillors in England and Wales shall be four years and one-half of the whole number of councillors being those who have been for the longest time without re-election shall retire every second year.

(ii) The term of office of aldermen shall be eight years, of whom one-half as nearly as may be shall retire every fourth year.

(b) The Secretary of State shall make regulations for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing provisions of this section and in particular such regulations shall provide for the retirement of one-half of the councillors for each county in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one and for the retirement of one-half of the councillors for every county borough, borough, urban district, rural district or parish the year nineteen hundred and fifty and for requiring the council for every local government area to submit before the fifteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, in the case of a council of a county, county borough or parish to the Secretary of State and in the case of every other council to the council of the appropriate county a scheme for constituting the number of councillors to be elected for each division, ward, parish or other area at two or a multiple thereof. The regulations so made by the Secretary of State shall not take effect until approved by resolution of both Houses of Parliament.”—(Mr. Pargiter.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 45 agreed to.

Clause No. 54 agreed to.

Clause No. 55 (Ecclesiastical divisions and number of councillors of L.C.C.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 53, I. 26, to leave out the words “an electoral division,” and insert the words “divided in such manner as may be approved by the Secretary of State, after consultation with the London County Council and the metropolitan borough councils, into three electoral divisions.”—(Mr. Gallacher.)
Question proposed. That the words "an electoral division," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 53, l. 29, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) The method of election of the three members shall be in accordance with the principle of proportional representation, each elector having one transferable vote."—(Mr. Bevan.)

Question, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 72 and 73 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 74 (Commencement, repeals, etc.). Amendment proposed, in p. 68, l. 22, to leave out the word "autumn," and insert the word "spring."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed. That the words "autumn," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 57 and 58 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 59 to 61 agreed to.

Clause No. 62 (Power to make regulations as to registration, etc.). Amendment proposed, in p. 57, l. 43, at the end, to add the words—

"(4) Regulations made under this section shall be laid in draft before each House of Parliament not less than forty days before the date on which they are made.

In reckoning any such period of forty days as aforesaid no account shall be taken of any time during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued, or during which both Houses are adjourned for more than four days."—(Mr. Peake.)

Question proposed. That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 63 to 65 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 66 (Supplemental provisions as to members of forces). Amendment proposed in p. 62, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words "or any such person's wife who is resident with him."—(Mr. Peake.)

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 67 agreed to.

Clause No. 68 (Adaptation, interpretation, and minor amendments of law). Amendment proposed in p. 63, l. 22, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Peake.)

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.

Clauses Nos. 69 and 70 agreed to.

Clause No. 71 (Interpretation and application of local government provisions in England and Wales). Amendment proposed, in p. 66, l. 31, at the end, to insert the words "the expression 'special list,' means a record kept or to be kept under the provisions of subsection (4) of section nine, subsection (7) of section ten or subsection (8) of section eleven of this Act."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 72 and 73 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 74 (Commencement, repeals, etc.). Amendment proposed, in p. 68, l. 22, to leave out the word "autumn," and insert the word "spring."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed. That the words "autumn," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 75 (Short title and citation). Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. George Wallace: 242.

Mr. Hogg:

Mr. Frederic Harris: 78.

A Clause (Situation of polling stations at local government elections)—(Mr. Younger)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Avoidance of election for general corruption, &c.)—(Mr. Younger)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Application of Part III to City of London)—(Mr. Younger)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Transport facilities at elections)—(Mr. McLeary)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising:

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Snow:

Mr. George Wallace: 230.

Mr. Hogg:

Mr. Frederic Harris: 108.

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Mr. Snow:

Mr. George Wallace: 241.

Mr. Hogg:

Mr. Frederic Harris: 230.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Major Ramsay: 108.

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Mr. Snow:

Mr. George Wallace: 242.

Mr. Hogg:

Mr. Frederic Harris: 78.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Major Ramsay: 108.
Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Employment and Training [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 functions of the Minister of Labour and National Service relating to employment and training for employment; it is expedient to authorise—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the following expenditure, that is to say,—

(1) Expenditure incurred by the Minister of Labour and National Service under the provisions of the said Act requiring that Minister to provide such facilities and services as he considers expedient for purposes connected with the promotion of employment, and authorising him—

(a) to establish and maintain employment exchanges, and to provide information, guidance, advice and other services for the purposes aforesaid;
(b) to defray or contribute towards expenditure of local authorities in providing any such services as aforesaid, and to contribute to the funds of voluntary associations having the provision of such services among their objects;
(c) to make payments in respect of the travelling attendance and medical examination of persons availing themselves of such services;
(d) to provide training courses for persons above the upper limit of the compulsory school age, to make payments in respect of the maintenance or travelling expenses of persons attending at such courses, and to provide facilities and services incidental to such courses;
(e) to defray or contribute towards the cost of training courses provided for such persons as aforesaid by any other authority or person, including the cost of making such payments and providing such facilities and services as aforesaid, and to make the like payments and provide the like facilities and services for such persons when trained by employers in accordance with arrangements made with the Minister;
(f) to make provision by way of grant or loan or otherwise for facilitating the removal of persons for the purposes of obtaining employment, and of the dependants of such persons, for the maintenance, welfare and resettlement of persons so removed, and for their further removal;

(2) Expenditure incurred by the said Minister in the payment to local authorities of sums in respect of their administrative expenses under schemes made under the said Act of the present Session authorising those authorities to undertake, in relation to persons under eighteen years of age or attending school, any such functions as are mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) of the foregoing paragraph;

(3) Any expenditure of the Minister of Education or the Secretary of State under the said Act;

(4) Any expenses or allowances payable to the members of the National Juvenile Employment Council and the Advisory Committees for Scotland and Wales to be established under the said Act, or of any other committee appointed by the Minister of Labour and National Service under the said Act, or of any committee or sub-committee thereof.

B. The charging on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, and the issue thereout to the Government of Northern Ireland, of any amounts required under the said Act of the present Session to be so charged and issued on account of expenses incurred by that Government under any laws made by the Parliament of Northern Ireland pursuant to the said Act for purposes similar to any of the purposes thereof.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — Adjournment.

Mr. Pearson.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker yesterday appointed Mr. William Wells Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Employment and Training Bill.

Thursday, 22nd April, 1948.

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.:

Birmingham University Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The University of Sheffield (Lands) Bill was University of Sheffield (Lands) Bill.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Press (Royal Commission).

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty’s Command, — Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Nineteenth Day (the 4th day of February 1948).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Cinematograph Films.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Command, — Copy of the Report of the Committee on the British Film Institute.

Public Loans and Guarantees.

No. 124.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of various Acts of Parliament, — Account up to the 31st day of March 1948, of sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given by the Treasury under Section 25 of the Finance Act, 1934. 

Account up to the 31st day of March 1948, 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 Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Accounts be printed.

European Economic Co-operation (Miscellaneous).

No. 125.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command, — Copy of a Convention for European Economic Co-operation, together with the Resolutions transmitted to the Council by the Committee of European Economic Co-operation (with a covering Memorandum by the Foreign Office), signed at Paris on the 16th day of April 1948 (The Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Food and Drugs.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Regulations, dated 20th April 1948, entitled the Ice Cream (Hot Treatment, &c.) Amendment Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ascot Race Course Bill.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report, do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Palestine Bill, Palestine Bill, without any Amendment.

The Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) Bill, Monopoly was, according to Order, read a second time, Inquiry and and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Wilson, by His Majesty’s Command, Monopoly acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Inquiry and 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.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for inquiry into the existence and effects of, and for dealing with mischiefs resulting from, or arising in connection with, any conditions of monopoly or restriction or other analogous conditions prevailing as respects the supply of, or the application of any process to, goods, buildings or structures, or as respects exports, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) the salaries and other remuneration paid to the members of, and any other expenses of, the Monopoly Commission constituted under the said Act; and

(b) any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade or any other Government department in carrying the said Act into effect.

—(Mr. Wilson.)

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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed by Mr. Wilson, concerning the 15th day of this instant April, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of Section 309 of the Government of India Act, 1935, praying that the Government of India (Family Pension Funds).
Adjourment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Simmons.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 106.]

Friday, 23rd April, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell 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 22nd April 1948, entitled the Milk Marketing Board (Modification of Functions) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, by leaving out paragraph (c).—(Mr. Morley.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments and added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and passed.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 16, by leaving out paragraph (c).—(Mr. Assheton.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:— It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Account of the War Risks (Marine) Insurance Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

The Law Reform (Personal Injuries) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments and the new Clause standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Glenvil Hall.—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

Clauses Nos. 2, 4, 6, 7 and 16 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment of Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1945, s. 3)—(Mr. Glenvil Hall) —brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) Bill to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Colonel Roper Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) Bill.

[No. 107.]

Monday, 26th April, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Merthyr Tydfil Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Communication declaring that a Copy of the undermentioned Statutory Instrument has yet to be laid before Parliament, and explaining why such a Copy has not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification):—

Ord. No. 9 Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America concerning the opening of certain Military Air Bases in the Caribbean Area and Bermuda to use by Civil Aircraft (with Notes exchanged), signed at Washington on the 24th day of February 1948.

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 Regulations, dated 22nd April 1948, entitled the South Eastern Counties Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Final Report of the Standing Advisory Committee to the International Overfishing Conferences.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Blackpool County Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th April 1948, entitled the South Eastern Counties Joint Vagrancy Committee Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Education, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th April 1948, entitled the Further Education Grant Amending Regulations No. 2, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Bill, an Order, dated 22nd April 1948, entitled the Standing Passengers Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Coal Distribution) Act, a Direction, dated 23rd April 1948, entitled the Coal Distribution Order, 1943.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Coal Distribution) Act, an Order, dated 24th April 1948, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Order, 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.)

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Their Majesties to congratulate Them on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Their Wedding; and to assure Their Majesties that this House, deeply interested in the personal well-being of the Sovereign and warmly appreciating Their Majesties’ unfailing devotion to duty in this time of stress, profoundly shares the sentiments of loyal affection with which Their peoples throughout the world welcome the Anniversary of so felicitous a union; and joins with them in praying earnestly for the continuance during many years of Their Majesties’ health and happiness.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Their Majesties by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty’s Household.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee.)

First Schedule.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Peake.)

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment proposed, in p. 71, l. 32, column 2, to leave out from the word “Dunstable,” to the end of l. 33.—(Mr. Warbe)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 73, to leave out l. 10 to 12.—(Mr. Parker.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 74, l. 33, col. 2, to leave out the word “and,”—(Commander Agnew.)

Question proposed, That the word “and” stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 75, to leave out l. 18 to 26, and insert the words—

1. Penrith and Border.
   (i) The urban districts of Keswick and Penrith.
   (ii) The rural districts of Alston with Garrigill, Border, Penrith, and the rural districts of Wigton, with the exception of the parishes of Allonby, Aspatria and Brayton, Hayton and Mealo and West Newton.

2. Whitehaven.
   (i) The borough of Whitehaven.
   (ii) The rural districts of Ennerdale and Millom.

3. Workington.
   (i) The borough of Workington.
   (ii) The urban districts of Cockermouth and the following parishes of the rural district of Wigton:—Allonby, Aspatria and Brayton, Hayton and Mealo and West Newton.

—(Mr. Peart.)
26th April.

West, St. Paul, St. Philip and Jacob North and St. Philip and Jacob South. The following wards of the county borough of Bristol, namely, District, Eastville, Hillfields and Stapleton.

2. Bristol
North East. The following wards of the county borough of Bristol, namely, Avon, Durham, Horfield and Westbury-on-Trym.

3. Bristol
North West. The following wards of the county borough of Bristol, namely, Beauworth, Bighton, Bishop's Sutton, Bramdean, Cheriton, Itchen Stoke and Ovington, Kilmeston, New Alresford, St. Augustine, St. James and St. Michael.

—(Mr. Secretary Ede.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the amendment proposed Amendment, in l. 4, col. 1, to leave out the words " North East," and insert the word " Stapleton."—(Mr. Parker.) Question, That the words " North East " stand part of the proposed Amendment, put, and agreed to.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 83, l. 6, col. 2, to leave out from the beginning, to the word " in," in l. 7, and insert the words— " Beaconsfield, Bishop's Sutton, Brandon, Cheriton, Itchen Stoke and Ovington, Kilmead, New Alresford, Northington, Old Alresford and Tichborne."—(Sir George Jeffreys.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 89, l. 28, col. 2, to leave out the words " borough of," and insert the words " boroughs of Lydd, New Romney and."—(Mr. Edward Smith.) Question proposed, That the words " borough of " stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 87, l. 5, col. 2, to leave out the word " and."—(Mr. Kenyon.) Question, That the word " and " stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 91, l. 22, col. 1, to leave out the word " East," and insert the word " North."—(Mr. Hardy.) Question, That the word " East " stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 92, l. 35, col. 2, to leave out from the word " namely," in the word " Swaton," in l. 42,—(Mr. Kendal.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 93, l. 36, col. 2, to leave out from the word Vol. 203.

" Chelsea," to the end of l. 39.—(Mr. Keeling.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 94, l. 4, at the end, to insert the words—

12. Hackney The Chatham, Ridley, Down, Lea North side, Southwold and Springfield Wards of the Borough of Hackney.—(Mr. Weitzman.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 96, to leave out ll. 45 and 46, and insert the words—

17. Tottenham The following wards of the borough North. of Tottenham, namely, White Hart Lane, Park, Coleshare, West Green, and Bruce Grove and Central.

18. Tottenham The following wards of the borough South. of Tottenham, namely, Seven Sisters, Chestnuts, Town Hall, Green Lanes, Stanford Hill and High Cross and Stoneleigh.—(Mr. Irving.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 101, col. 2, to leave out l. 10, and insert the words— (i) All wards of the county borough of Oxford east of the River Cherwell; (ii) all wards of the county borough of Oxford west of the River Cherwell.—(Mr. Charles Williams.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 101, l. 36, col. 1, to leave out the words " North Somerset," and insert the word " Frome."—(Mr. Farthing.) Question, That the words " North Somerset," stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 102, l. 46, at the end, to insert the words— 2. Dudley The County Borough of Dudley.—(Mr. Wigg.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 106, to leave out ll. 13 to 17.—(Mr. Cooper-Key.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 107, to leave out l. 17.—(Mr. Martin Lindsay.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 111, l. 19, col. 2, at the end, to insert the word " Deane."—(Mr. David Griffiths.) Question proposed, That the word " Deane," be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 112, l. 21, at the end, to insert the words— 15. Spen Valley (i) The borough of Brighouse; and (ii) The urban districts of Heckmondwike and Spenborough.—(Mr. Skarp.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived. Other Amendments made. Chairman to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Pearson.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Law Reform (Personal Injuries) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee C.

[No. 108.]

Tuesday, 27th April, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S. 6

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cardiff Corporation (Extension of Time) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Birmingham University Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Glenvil 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 1948. Statement showing the Transfers of Property accepted in satisfaction of Death Duties during the financial year 1947-48. 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 Rules, dated 26th April 1948, entitled—(1) the Police War Reserve (No. 2) Rules, 1948, and (2) the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps (No. 2) Rules, 1948. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd April 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Transfer of Persons) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Constables, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th April 1948, entitled the Special Constables Order, 1948. Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th April 1948, entitled the Colonial Causes (War Marriages) (British Guiana) Order, 1948. Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th April 1948, entitled the Kenya Protectorate (Transfer of Functions) Order, 1948. Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th April 1948, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Secretary of State and Minister of Health) Order, 1948. Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th April 1948, approving an Admiralty Memorial for sanction to revised rates of pay, marriage and other allowances for Officers in the Naval and Marine Forces. Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th April 1948, entitled the Singapore Colony (Amendment) (No. 2) Order in Council, 1948. Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, on the 14th day of January 1948, amending the Statutes of the College. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th April 1948, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 13) Order, 1948. Copy of an Order, dated 26th April 1948, entitled the Pels (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948. Copy of an Order, dated 23rd April 1948, entitled the Utility Furniture (Validation of Units) Order, 1948. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to Agriculture, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st April 1948, entitled the Hill Farming (Cottages) (England and Wales) Regulations, 1948. Copy of an Order, dated 23rd April 1948, Diseases of Animals. Copy of an Order, dated 23rd April 1948, authorising the landing of two waterbuck and one wart hog at the port of Hull. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the Merchant Shipping, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1948. 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 Cambridge Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on statutory Instruments, &c. have leave to report the Minutes of their further Proceedings.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Minutes of the further Proceedings of the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Nally, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Sykes-Thomas; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Kinley, Mr. Langford-Holt, Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following thirty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Employment and Training Bill): Mr. Astor, Mr. Attewell, Sir John Barlow, Mr. Bannerman, Mr. Boyd-Carrington, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Dye, Mr. Ness Edwards, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Professor Gruffydd, Mr. Hardman, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Hector Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Mr. Linstead, Commander Mailand, Mr. Morley, Mr. Price-White, Mr. Randall, Mr. Rawlin, Mr. Harold Roberts, Mr. Sparks, Mr. Symonds, Mr. Teeling, Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Vane, Mr. David Williams and Mr. York.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Attewell, Captain Crookshank, and Mr. MacAndrew-Butler; and had appointed in substitution Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Lyttelton and Mr. Nicholls.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following thirty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) Bill): Mr. Austin, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Besswick, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Coldrick, Mr. Cook, Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre, Mr. Daines, Mr. Eric Fletcher, Mr. Forman, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. John Freeman, Mr. Harrison, Mr. House, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mr. Mikardo, Mr. Nally, Mr. Orr-Ewing, Mr. Osbourne, Mr. Pickthorn, Mr. Cecil Poole, Mr. Oliver Poole, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Spearman, Mr. Henry Strauss, Mrs. Wills and Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Mr. Bowen, Mr. Hastings, Lieutenant-Commander Hutchinson, Mr. Oliver Poole and Mr. Shepherd; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Drayson, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Emrys Roberts and Mr. Weitzman.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had added the following twenty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Law Reform (Personal Injuries) Bill): Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Herbert Butler, Mr. Challen, Captain Crowder, Mr. Gammans, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Joyson-Hicks, Mr. Asterley Jones, Mr. Elwyn Jones, Mr. Lipson; Mrs. Mann, Mr. Marlowe, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Renton, Mr. Scott, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Steele, Mr. Ungnad-Thomas, Mr. West, and Mr. Ronald Williams.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the South Lancashire Transport Company to run trolley vehicles on additional routes; to extend the Company's powers of running public service vehicles; to provide for the sub-division of the shares in the capital of the Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The South Lancashire Transport Bill [Lords] South Lancashire Transport Transport Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Representation itself into a Committee on the Representation bill.

(In the Committee.)

First Schedule.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 119, 1. 5, column 2, at the end, to insert the words "except the burgh of Inverbervie."—(Mr. Maclay.)

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 119, to leave out ll. 25 to 45, and insert the words—

1. Ayr. ... The burghs of Ayr, Prestwick and Troon, the parish of Monkton and the electoral division of Dundonald in the district of Ayr.

2. Bute and North Ayrshire.

(i) The county of Bute, inclusive of all the burghs situated therein;
(ii) The burgh of Largs;
(iii) The district of Kilmarnock.

3. Cunningham and Irvine.

(i) The burghs of Irvine, Kilwinning, Stewarton, Ardrossan and Saltcoats;
(ii) The districts of Irvine and Saltcoats.


(i) The burghs of Kilmarnock, Darvel, Galston and Muirkirk and Greenholm;
(ii) The districts of Newmilns and Kilmarnock.

(Sir Thomas Moore.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 120, to leave out ll. 23 to 31, and insert the words—

"(a) County Constiuency
1. Dumbarton—
(i) The burghs of Clydebank, Kirkintilloch and Kirkintilloch.
(ii) The districts of Helensburgh and Milngavie.
(iii) The districts of Kirkintilloch, Cambuslang and New Kilpatrick.

(b) Burgh Constituency
2. Dumbarton—The burghs of Clydebank, Dumbarton, Kirkintilloch and Kilmarnock.

—(Sir Thomas Moore.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 125, l. 15, to leave out from the beginning, to the end of l. 40, and insert the words "the River Clyde; thence southward along the centre of Govan Road and the centre of Whitefield Road to the centre of the London Midland and Scottish Railway (Paisley); thence along the centre of the said railway to the centre of Paisley Road, west; thence south-westward along the centre of Paisley Road, west; to Hillington Road; thence north-westward along the centre of Hillington Road to the city boundary; thence northward and north-westward along the city boundary to the centre line of the River Clyde; thence south-westward along the city boundary to the centre line of the River Clyde to the point of commencement."—(Mr. Neil Maclean.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 131, l. 35, to leave out from the word "of," to the end of l. 35, and insert the words "Park Road; thence in a westerly direction along the centre of Park Road to middle of Dalkeith Road; thence in a northerly direction along Dalkeith Road to the junction with Preston Street; thence in a westerly direction along the middle of Preston Street to its junction with Lord Russel Place; thence in a northerly direction to the junction with the Melville Drive, along the middle of Melville Drive to the end of Melville Drive; thence along Leven Terrace; thence by Bruntsfield Links to Wrights House; thence in a westerly direction along the centre of Barclay Terrace to a point in."—(Mr. Gilzean.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 135, l. 4, to leave out from the word "Granton," to the end of l. 24, and insert the words,—

"Square thence in a southerly direction to West Granton Road; thence along the centre of West Granton Road to the junction with Granton Crescent and Pitlop Drive; thence along the centre of Pitlop Drive to its junction with Ferry Road."—(Lord John Hope.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 141, l. 15, column 2, to leave out the word "and."—(Sir Walter Smiles.)

Question proposed, That the word "and" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 141, l. 35, col. 1, to leave out the words "North Tyrone and Magherafelt," and insert the word "Mid-Ulster."—(Mr. Mulvey.)

Question put, That the words "North Tyrone and Magherafelt" stand part of the Schedule:—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Walter Smiles, Yeas 112. (Mr. Ronald Ross [Joseph Henderson, Nos 276. (Mr. Hannan:)

Word "Mid-Ulster" there inserted. Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Second Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Third Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 146, l. 19, col. 3, to leave out the word "last."—(Mr. Harry Thorneycroft.)

Question proposed, That the word "last" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 147, l. 15, to leave out from the first word "is," to insert the words "nationality at birth."—(Mr. Hurd.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 147, l. 37, to leave out the words "shall not," and insert the word "may."—(Mr. Gallacher.)

Question proposed, That the words "shall not" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 147, l. 39, after the word "residence," to insert the words "in the opinion of the returning officer sufficient and not more than."—(Mr. Keeling.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 148, l. 49, to leave out from the first word "is," to the word "or" and insert the words "one of the candidates nominated by a nomination paper."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 149, l. 39, to leave out sub-paragraph (3).—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 150, l. 7, to leave out from the word "select," to the end of the paragraph.—(Mr. Butcher.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "particulars" in l. 9, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 151, l. 16, to leave out paragraph 16.—(Mr. Butcher.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 152, l. 10, to leave out from the first word “register,” to the end of l. 11.—(Mr. James Reid.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 152, l. 26, after the word “words,” to insert the words “or numbers”—(Mr. Gallacher.)

Question proposed, That the words “or numbers,” be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 153, l. 48, after the word “a,” to insert the words “candidate or his election or.”—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 155, l. 30, to leave out sub-head (c).—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 156, l. 3, to leave out the words “(except in special circumstances).”—(Miss Herbison.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 156, l. 6, to leave out from the beginning, to the word “shall,” and insert the words “Persons attending the counting of votes by virtue of paragraph 1 of this Part of this Schedule.”—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Fourth Schedule.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 162, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words—“(9) A candidate’s election agent shall be entitled to attend proceedings during the time for delivery of nomination papers or making objections thereto.”—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Fifth Schedule.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 163, l. 9, to leave out “and” at the end of paragraph 1 of this Part of this Schedule.—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

A Schedule (Obsolete Enactments)—(Mr. Secretary Ede),—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 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 76.
United Kingdom and the Government of Ethiopia amending the description of the Kenya/Ethiopia Boundary (with Annex and Map).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson, presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th April 1948, entitled the General Apparel, Furnishings and Textiles (Manufacturers’ Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 27th April 1948, entitled—

(1) the Household Textiles (Marking and Manufacturers’ Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948,

(2) the Utility Apparel (Men’s and Boys’ Shirts, Underwear and Nightwear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948, and

(3) the Upholstery Cloth (Utility) Order, 1948.

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 28th April 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Modification of Teachers Pensions) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Local Government Superannuation.

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) Carshalton Urban District Council.

(2) Dartford Rural District Council.

Copy of Regulations, dated 27th April 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Appointments and Transfer) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd April 1948, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 5) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Electricity.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th April 1948, entitled the Electricity (Consultative Council) (Areas) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd April 1948, entitled the Coal Supply (Temporary Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stracey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Drugs Regulations, dated 27th April 1948, entitled the Public Health (Imported Food) Amendment Regulations, 1948.

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 Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That—

(1) if, after any public bill has been printed and whether introduced in this House or brought from the House of Lords, Mr. Speaker is of opinion that its provisions relate exclusively to Scotland, he shall give a certificate to that effect.

(2) on the order for the second reading of any such bill being read, a motion, to be decided without amendment or debate, may be made by a minister of the crown, “That the bill be referred to the standing committee on Scottish bills,” provided that if the motion shall have been thereupon objected to by not less than ten members, it shall pass in the negative.

(3) a bill so referred to the standing committee shall be considered in relation to the principle of the bill, and shall be reported as having been so considered to the House and shall be ordered to be read a second time upon a future day.

(4) when the order of the day for the second reading of any such bill has been read, a motion to be decided without amendment or debate may be made by a minister of the crown, “That the bill be committed to the standing committee on Scottish bills.” Provided that this paragraph shall not apply in the case of any bill to the second reading of which notice of an amendment has been given by not less than six members.

(5) if such a motion shall have been agreed to, the bill shall be deemed to have been read a second time, and shall be committed to the standing committee on Scottish bills, and shall proceed through its remaining stages according to the ordinary practice of this House.

—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.

Ordered, That a motion may be made by a minister of the crown at the commencement of the ordinary practice of this House, to be decided without amendment or debate, to the effect that the committee of supply be discharged from considering the estimates or any part of the estimates for which the Secretary of State for Scotland is responsible, and that such estimates or part of such estimates be referred to the standing committee on Scottish bills for consideration...
on not more than six days in any session; and if such motion be agreed to, the standing committee shall consider the estimates referred to therein and shall from time to time report only that they have considered the said estimates or any of them, which shall again stand referred to the committee of supply after such report has been brought up.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn)

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.

The Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) was read and amended in l. 20, by inserting, after the word "bills," the words or other business," and by inserting, after the word " and," the words " referred or " ; and in l. 25, by inserting after the word " bill," the words " or other business."—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Agriculture (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Leases to continue in force notwithstanding variations of terms, &c.—(The Lord Advocate)—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. 24, l. 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"[2) A warning notice served under the last foregoing subsection shall specify the general grounds on which the Secretary of State is satisfied as mentioned in subsection (1) of this section."—(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 l. 1, by leaving out the word " general," 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. 40, l. 22, by leaving out the word " or."—(Colonel Gomme-Duncan.)

And the Question being put, That the word " or. " 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. 47, l. 44, by leaving out from the word " deer," to the end thereof, and inserting the words " means Red Deer "— (Lord William Scott.)—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. 64, l. 47, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

" Provided also where any person is required to incur expenditure on land which has only become agricultural land by virtue of designation under this subsection that person may appeal to the Land Court within twenty-eight days on the ground that such expenditure will not yield an economic return and if the Land Court sustain the appeal the appellant shall not be required to incur that expenditure."—(Mr. James Reid.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Secretary Woodburn, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lord High Commissioner (Church of Scotland) Bill, there was an Amendment 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 adding, at the end thereof, the words " upon this day six months "— (Mr. Willis.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word " now " stand part of the Question:—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

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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 word " now " stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Hannan: 109.
Mr. George Wallace: 10.
Tellers for the Mr. Willis:—
Mr. Gilzean: .
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. Secretary Woodburn, by His Majesty's Lord High Commissioner Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Lord High (Money), proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of
the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House;—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision regarding the allowance payable to His Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, it is expedient to authorise the charging on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or the growing produce thereof of any amount by which the sum so charged under the Act 2 and 3 William 4 cap. 126 in respect of the said allowance is increased under the said Act of the present Session so however that the total sum so charged shall not exceed in any year four thousand pounds.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

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.

Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) [Money].

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for inquiry into the existence and effects of, and for dealing with mischiefs resulting from, or arising in connection with, any conditions of monopoly or restriction or other analogous conditions prevailing as respects the supply of, or the application of any process to, goods, buildings or structures, or as respects exports, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) the salaries and other remuneration paid to the members of, and any other expenses of, the Monopoly Commission constituted under the said Act; and

(b) any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade or any other Government department in carrying the said Act into effect.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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 Barnet, a copy of which Order was presented on the 26th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Wells-next-the-Sea, a copy of which Order was presented on the 26th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 on Wednesday evening and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes after One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

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.

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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 on Wednesday evening and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without a Question first put, pursuant to the standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes after One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account up to the 31st day of March 1948, of the total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund pursuant to the Greek Loan Act, 1898, in respect of the Annuity which was guaranteed by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria for the purpose of facilitating the raising of a Loan by the Government of Greece, and of the Sums paid in or towards the repayment of any money so issued.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th April 1948, entitled the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st March 1948.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th April 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Development Charge) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Bessac presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 31st March 1948.

Local Government Superannuation.

Mr. Bessac also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the East Riding of Yorkshire 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. Key presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft of Regulations, entitled the Grosvenor Square Garden Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkdn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 13th April 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Development Charge) Regulations, 1948;
(2) dated 29th April 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Development Charge Exemptions) Regulations, 1948, and
(3) dated 29th April 1948, entitled the Claims for Depreciation of Land Values Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:
The Lords have agreed to the National Assistance Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Assistance Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. James Griffiths, supported by Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Glenvil Hall and Mr. Steeles, presented a Bill to amend the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, in relation to increases of disablement benefit under section fourteen of that Act: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be proceeded with, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for One hour after Ten of the clock.

Ordered, That the said Acts, as follow:

(1) Palestine Act, 1948.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Animals Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
A Clause (Periodical inspections) (Mr. Thomas Williams)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.
Then Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the White Fish and Herring Industries 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 Royal Assent.
Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:
Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.
Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers;—And having returned;
Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:
And the Question being again proposed, That the White Fish and Herring Industries 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. 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 White Fish and Herring Industries [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 for regulating the mesh of fishing nets in the North Sea, for giving financial assistance or further financial assistance to inshore fishermen and persons desiring to engage in the inshore fishing industry, to co-operative societies and organisations of fishermen and to the Herring Industry Board, for amending the Herring Industry Acts, 1935 to 1944, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) of additional sums, not exceeding five hundred thousand pounds in the aggregate, by way of grant under section one of the Inshore Fishing Industry Act, 1945, and of additional sums, not exceeding one million pounds in the aggregate, by way of loan under the said section;

(ii) of loans, not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred thousand pounds, to co-operative societies and organisations formed for the purpose of co-operative schemes for fishermen to meet capital expenditure incurred or to be incurred in connection with the initial operation or the development of those schemes;

(iii) of sums, not exceeding in the aggregate one million five hundred thousand pounds, in respect of expenses incurred by the Herring Industry Board;

(iv) of salaries and allowances to members of the Herring Industry Board;

(v) of any increase in the sums payable under section four of the Herring Industry Act, 1944, for making advances to the Herring Industry Board, being an increase resulting from the removal of the limit on the sums to be advanced under the said section for the making of loans in connection with export and for the undertaking of operations involving the outlay of working capital and from the extension of the period during which advances may be made under the said section;

(vi) of administrative expenses incurred under the said Act of the present Session by any Minister in the execution of that Act;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer in accordance with the said Act of the present Session of sums received by way of interest on, or in payment of the principal of any loan made to any co-operative society or organisation of fishermen.

(Mr. Thomas Williams.) Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 8th March 1948, entitled the Control of Willow Rods and Willow Sticks Order, 1948 (S.I. 1948, No. 401), a copy of which was presented on the 9th day of March last, be annulled—

(Mr. Eccles):—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, 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, 30th April, 1948:

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. III.]

Friday, 30th April, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Cardiff Corporation (Extension of Time) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Ordered, That the Fire Services (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 27th April 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Ranks) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Copies of Regulations,—

(i) dated 27th April 1948, entitled the Claims for Depreciation of Land Values (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, and
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes made by the University of Oxford, on the 27th day of January and the 30th day of February, 1948, amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th April 1948, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 3) Regulations, 1948.

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 April 1948, entitled the Onions Order, 1948.

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 A (added in respect of the Employment and Training Bill): Mr. Barstow; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Corlett.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Cotton Spinning (Re-equipment Subsidy) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 2, by leaving out from the word "to," to the word "with," in l. 4, and inserting the words "control modernisation and re-equipment in planned stages"—(Mr. Erroll),—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 another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords] was, Merchant Shipping Bill according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Lords.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that children to whom this paragraph applies shall not be gainfully employed at any time in the mornings during the period of school term."—(Mr. Austin.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Lords.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the White Fish and Herring Industries Bill to Standing Committee A.
Mr. Bevan, presented, pursuant to the Public Health, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th April 1948, entitled the Public Health (Venereal Diseases Regulations) Revocation Regulations, 1948.

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 29th April 1948, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 4) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection of Members from Standing Committee A, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A (in respect of the Employment and Training Bill): Sir John Barlow and Mr. York; and had appointed in substitution Mr. MacLeod and Mr. Orr-Ewing.

Mr. Mothers reported from the Standing Committee B, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (in respect of the Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) Bill): Mr. Orr-Ewing; and had appointed in substitution Mr. York.

A Motion was made, and the Question put, That the Proceedings on the 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.

Yeas, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Richard Adams, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Major Ramsey; 177.

Noes, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Mothers, 71.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Motor Spirit (Regulation) Bill was, Motor Spirit (Regulation) Bill, as amended, ordered, 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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Collindridge reported from the Committee, that the Lord High Commissioner for Scotland has been sworn.

The Motion for the adjournment of the House was agreed to.

The House adjourned at half-past Nine o'clock, Monday, 3rd May, 1948.
of the present session so however that the total sum so charged shall not exceed in any year four thousand pounds.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lord High Commissioner (Church of Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Allowance to Lord High Commissioner (Church of Scotland).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, at the end, to add the words,—

"(2) A statement showing the expenses incurred under this Act shall be presented annually to Parliament."—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Mr. Popplewell reported from the Committee on Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for inquiry into the existence and effects of, and for dealing with mischiefs resulting from, or arising in connection with, any conditions of monopoly or restriction or other analogous conditions prevailing as respects the supply of, or the application of any process to, goods, buildings or structures, or as respect exports, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) the salaries and other remuneration paid to the members of, and any other expenses of, the Monopoly Commission constituted under the said Act; and,

(b) any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade or any other Government department carrying the said Act into effect.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Merchant Shipping 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 A in respect of the White Fish and Herring Industries Bill.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report Provisional from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, not previously inquired into, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, viz. —

South Lancashire Transport Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report Provisional from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, viz. —

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Sheffield) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ascot Race Course Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Gensmell Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 3rd May 1948, regarding the audit of certain accounts by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table ; and that the Paper relative to Transport be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th April 1948, entitled the Ryegrass Seed (Control) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled Revival of Pre-War Treaties and Agreements between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Governments of Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary, Italy and Roumania, signed severally at Sofia, on the 13th day of March 1948, at Helsinki, on the 12th day of March 1948, at Budapest, on the 12th day of March 1948, at Rome, on the 13th day of March 1948 and at Bucharest, on the 13th day of March 1948.

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 1st May 1948, entitled—

(1) the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948,
(2) the Fire Services (Discipline) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, and
(3) the Fire Services (Transfer of Property) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th April 1948, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Orders, dated 3rd May 1948, entitled—

(1) the Potatoes (Control of Supply) (No. 2) Order, 1947 (Revocation) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Potatoes (1947 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1948.

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 a Scheme for effecting the union of Benefices the benefice of Birkenhead, Saint Mary, and the benefice of Birkenhead, Saint Paul, in the diocese of Chester, and for authorising the taking down and the sale of the site and materials of the Church of Saint Paul, Birkenhead.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments &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 Control of Employment (Directed Persons) (Amendment) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 708), a copy of which was presented on the 7th 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 it appears to make an unusual and unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statutes under which it is made.

They have also considered the Seizure of Food Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 724), a copy of which was presented on the 9th 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 it appears to make an unusual and unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statutes under which it is made.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. 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 confirm the construction of certain railway level crossings ; to confer powers upon Round Oak Steel Works Limited with respect to two railway level crossings ; and for other purposes ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Round Oak Steel Works (Level Crossings) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.

Class II.

Vote 1. Foreign Office.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £2,171,221, 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 1949, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the salary of a Minister of State.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Whiteley),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley); 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. 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 114.]

Wednesday, 5th May, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Ministry of Health Provisionsal Order (Sheffield) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the names, contents and electorates Vol. 203.

of proposed new constituencies in parts of Cheshire, Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and East Sussex.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to Pensions the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Governors of Dominions, &c.).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant Education to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Scotland).


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the Goods and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th May 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 19) Order, 1948.

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 5th May 1948, entitled the Seizure of Food Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 158 relating to Private Business Supplies and Services (Price Control).

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the Standing Order 158 relating to Private Business and General Services (Price Control).

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Standing Order 158 relating to Private Business Supplies and Services (Price Control).

Mr. Brooks reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the St. Helens Corporation (Electricity and 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 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 said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooks reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the St. Helens Corporation (Electricity and 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 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.

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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 of Commons Members’ Fund Bill 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 Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

House of Commons Members’ Fund.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act, 1939, the salary or pension of a Member from which deductions are to be made under the said Act of 1939 as amended by the first-mentioned Act, shall not be treated for any of the purposes of the Income Tax Acts as reduced by reason of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the amount of the said deductions, and a Member shall not be entitled to any allowance, deduction or relief under any provision of the Income Tax Acts by reason of such increase and his income shall not be regarded as thereby diminished.—(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.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on White Fish and Herring Industries [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session for regulating the mesh of fishing-nets, for licensing fishing in the North Sea, for giving financial assistance or further financial assistance to inshore fishermen and persons desiring to engage in the inshore fishing industry, to co-operative societies and organisations of fishermen and to the Herring Industry Board, for amending the Herring Industry Acts, 1935 to 1944, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise,—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—
   (i) of additional sums, not exceeding five hundred thousand pounds in the aggregate, by way of grant under section one of the Inshore Fishing Industry Act, 1945, and of additional sums, not exceeding one million pounds in the aggregate, by way of loan under the said section;
   (ii) of loans, not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred thousand pounds, to co-operative societies and organisations formed for the purpose of co-operative schemes for fishermen to meet capital expenditure incurred or to be incurred in connection with the initial operation or the development of those schemes;
   (iii) of sums, not exceeding in the aggregate one million five hundred thousand pounds, in respect of expenses incurred by the Herring Industry Board;
   (iv) of salaries and allowances to members of the Herring Industry Board;
   (v) of any increase in the sums payable under section four of the Herring Industry Act, 1944, for making advances to the Herring Industry Board, being an increase resulting from the removal of the limit on the sums to be advanced under the said section for the making of loans in connection with export and for the undertaking of operations involving the outlay of working capital and from the extension of the period during which advances may be made under the said section;
   (vi) of administrative expenses incurred under the said Act of the present Session by any Minister in the execution of that Act;
   (b) the payment into the Exchequer in accordance with the said Act of the present Session of sums received by way of interest on, or in payment of the principal of, any loan made to any co-operative society or organisation of fishermen.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Merchant Shipping.

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts relating to matters affected by certain International Conventions adopted at Seattle in the year nineteen hundred and forty-six, it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any fees received by the Minister of Transport under the said Act or any regulations made thereunder.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. Popplewell):—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 Standing Order, if being then twenty-five minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Twenty-first Day (the 18th day of February 1948).

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 Regulations, dated 5th May 1948, entitled the Education Authorities (Scotland) Grant Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th May 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Development) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Accounts of the Czecho-Slovak Financial Claims Fund and Czecho-Slovak Refugee Fund. No. 130. 

Ipswich Corporation Bill.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Ipswich Corporation Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Birmingham University Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the South Suburban 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 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. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection (Standing Committees), That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Sir Thomas Dugdale and Mr. Mitchell; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Baird and Colonel Hutchinson.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision with respect to radioactive substances and certain apparatus producing radiation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Secretary of State for Education and Mr. Woodburn, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Ness Edwards, Mr. John Edwards and Mr. Robertson, presented a Bill to provide for the regulation of certain nurseries and of persons who for reward receive children into their homes to look after them; 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 Finance (No. 2) Bill was, according to Finance (No. 2) Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (No. 2) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 608), dated 23rd March 1948, made by the Treasury under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, a copy of which Order was presented on the 24th day of March last, be approved.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Services. and Supplies. (Drugs and Medicines). An Order was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 6th April 1948, entitled the Control of Employment (Directors Persons) Amendment Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 708), a copy of which was presented on the 7th day of April last, be annulled—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter).—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Popplewell.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 116.]

Friday, 7th May, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A Motion being made, That the Ascot Race Course Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Whitelaw, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Import Duties directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th May 1948, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 4) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Boundary Commissioners for England on representations relating to certain proposed new constituencies.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Universities of Trinity College. Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th May 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Development Charge Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Radioactive Substances Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Children Bill [Lords] was, according to Children Bill Order, 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 Children (Money), proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for the care or welfare of boys and girls when they are without parents, or living away from their parents, and for other purposes, it is
expedient to authorise the following payments out of moneys provided by Parliament:

A. Payments to local authorities of not more than fifty per cent. of their expenditure in the discharge of their functions under the enactments hereinafter specified, together with their appropriate share of receipts under the provisions of any of the said enactments as to contributions towards expenses and as to affiliation orders and decrees for alimony.

B. Grants in respect of the fees and expenses of persons undergoing training in connection with their employment or future employment either for the purposes of any of the said enactments or by voluntary organisations for similar purposes, in respect of the cost of maintenance of persons undergoing such training, and in respect of the cost of providing such training.

C. Grants in respect of voluntary homes.

D. Payments in respect of the travelling, subsistence and other expenses of members of advisory councils and committees thereof.

E. Payments in respect of the expenses of appeal tribunals and the fees and allowances of members of appeal tribunals.

F. The payment of any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, or the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937, being an increase attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to inspectors;

(ii) under the Family Allowances Act, 1945, being an increase attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session as to the inclusion in a family of certain children.

G. Payment of the administrative expenses of the Secretary of State.

The enactments hereinbefore referred to are the said Act of the present Session, Parts III and IV of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, the provisions relating to child life protection of Part VII of the Public Health Act, 1936, and the provisions of Part XIII of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936, Parts I, IV and V of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937, and the Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act, 1939—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. Joseph Henderson);

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. Joseph Henderson);—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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 117.] Monday, 10th May, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received a cablegram from the Parliament of the Danish Parliament, which he tendered its most cordial wishes for the future of the United Kingdom.

(Signed) JUL BOMHOLT,
President of the Folketing.

Mr. Bevan presented a Bill to confirm a Ministry Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the City of Bradford: 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.

The following Papers, required by an Act of Parliamentary Order (Bristol) Bill. Bill 81.

Provisional Order (Huddersfield) Bill. Bill 82.

Provisional Order (Bradford) Bill. Bill 83.
on the 7th day of this instant May, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) —

Licences, dated 7th May 1948, entitled—
(1) the Consumer Rationing (Raffia Footwear) Licence, 1948, and
(2) the Consumer Rationing (Sandals) Licence, 1948.

Order, dated 7th May 1948, entitled the Utility Furniture (Validation of Units) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Ely.

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 an Order, dated 7th May 1948, entitled the Electricity (Consultative Council) (North of Scotland District) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th May 1948, entitled the Utility Furniture (Validation of Units) (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th May 1948, entitled the Control of Building Materials (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 1947.

Mr. Barnes also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations,—
(1) dated 3rd May 1948, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 8) Regulations, 1948, and

Copy of Regulations, dated 7th May 1948, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Robinson to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Mr. Peake.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Cotton Spinning (Re-equipment Subsidy) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; 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. Herbert Morrison); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Simmons, 277.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Richard Adams : 80.]

Mr. Wilson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th May 1948, entitled the Utility Furniture (Validation of Units) (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Richard Adams : 80.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Motor Spirit itself into a Committee on the Motor Spirit (Regulation) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Offences by retailers of motor spirit).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words—"Provided that this section shall not apply to a person carrying on such business who has only one pump, and if there is no other such business in the same parish."—(Mr. Turton.) Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Studholme, 74.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Major Conant : 155.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 24, to leave out the word "prove," and insert the words "satisfy the court that it might reasonably be true."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.) Question put, That the word "prove" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Joseph Henderson, 177.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Hannah : 87.]

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, after the word "connivance," to insert the words "or that he genuinely believed that the vehicle was not a private motor vehicle."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Offences by private motorists),

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Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, after the first word "vehicle" to insert the words "to his knowledge."—[Mr. Blackburn]

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Yeas, Major Ramsay : ] 88.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes, Mr. Hanan : ] 182.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 18, to leave out the word "prove," and insert the words "satisfy the Court that it might reasonably be true."—[Mr. Manningham-Buller]

Question put, That the word "prove" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons, Yeas, Mr. Popleplewell : ] 189.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Noes, Major Ramsay : ] 93.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 22, to leave out from the beginning, to the word "and," in l. 25.—[Mr. Boyd-Carpenter]

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons, Yeas, Mr. Richard Adams : ] 191.

Tellers for the [Mr. Conant, Noes, Brigadier Mackeson : ] 91.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 31, to leave out from the word "be," to the word "shall," in l. 33.—[Mr. Manningham-Buller]

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Other offences).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that it shall be a defence for any person charged with the offence mentioned in paragraph (a) hereof to satisfy the Court that the commercial petrol was put into the pump by mistake and not with the intent of procuring the misuse of petrol, and that it shall be a defence for any person charged with the offence mentioned in paragraph (b) hereof to satisfy the Court that it might reasonably be true that he genuinely believed that the vehicle was not a private motor vehicle."—[Mr. Manningham-Buller]

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Yeas, Brigadier Mackeson : ] 93.

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow, Noes, Mr. George Wallace : ] 198.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Disqualification of retail dealers for twelve months after conviction).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 23, after the word "months," to insert the words "less any period during which the operation of that subsection was in force prior to the order of the court suspending it."—[Mr. Boyd-Carpenter]

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow, Yeas, Mr. George Wallace : ] 197.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Noes, Major Conant : ] 75.

Clause No. 5 (Disqualifications and special penalties in respect of offences by private motorists).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, to leave out from the beginning, to the end of l. 4 on p. 5, and insert the words "the Court may order that for a period not exceeding twelve months no coupons for obtaining petrol for use in any private motor vehicle shall be issued to him and that during the period of disqualification no other person shall be entitled to the issue of such coupons for use in any private motor vehicle of which the person convicted was at the time of the commission of the offence the owner, unless such other person satisfies the Minister of Fuel and Power that he became the owner of the private motor vehicle by purchase and that the purchase thereof was a genuine and not a colourable transaction made with the object of evading the order of the court."—[Mr. Boyd-Carpenter]

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "any," in l. 30, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Popleplewell, Yeas, Mr. Hanan : ] 207.


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 30, after the word "conviction," to insert the words "the Court by which he is convicted may order that."—[Mr. Manningham-Buller]

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.


Tellers for the [Mr. Popleplewell, Noes, Mr. Richard Adams : ] 204.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 43, to leave out the word "before," and insert the word "after."—[Mr. Manningham-Buller]

Question proposed, That the word "before" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Penalties).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 21, to leave out subsection (3).—[Mr. Boyd-Carpenter]

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 41, at the end, to add the words—

"For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby provided that where the body corporate was created by any Public Act of Parliament, the word director shall be construed as including any member of a board, executive or commission created by or under such Public Act of Parliament."—[Mr. Boyd-Carpenter]
Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Institution of proceedings).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 44, to leave out from the first word “of,” to the end of the line.—(Mr. James Reid.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Power of entry and taking of samples).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 46, after the word “constable,” to insert the words “in uniform.”—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Amendments made.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 10, at the end, to add the words “and shall if possible take the samples in the presence of the occupier of the premises or of a person in his employ or when the sample is taken from a motor vehicle, in the presence of the owner of the vehicle or person in charge thereof.

If the sample is not taken in the presence of any such person, the constable who has taken the sample shall forthwith inform the occupier of the premises or the person in charge of the vehicle or the owner thereof, that he has taken the sample, and at the time of giving such information or at the time of taking the sample in the presence of any such person, he shall then and there divide it into three parts, each part to be marked and sealed or fastened up and shall if required so to do, deliver one part to the occupier of the premises or a person in his employ or to the owner of the motor vehicle or the person in charge thereof, as the case may be, retain one part for further comparison, and if he thinks fit, submit one part to an authorised analyst.”—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 9 to 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 13 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Com- mittee of Ways and Means of the 5th day of this instant May, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

House of Commons Members’ Fund.

That, for the purposes of any Act of the House of present Session to amend the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act, 1939, the salary or pension of a Member from which deductions are to be made under the said Act of 1939, as amended by the first-mentioned Act, shall not be treated for any of the purposes of the Income Tax Acts as reduced by reason of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the amount of the said deductions, and a Member shall not be entitled to any allowance, deduction or relief under any provision of the Income Tax Acts by reason of such increase and his income shall not be regarded as thereby diminished.

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 Members’ Fund Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Report by Government Actuary).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Pearson, 87.
Mr. Richard Adams:

Tellers for the Noes,
Colonel Ropner, 46.
Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite.

Clause No. 5 (Citation).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Captain Crookshank),—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

A Clause (Provision for cases of special hardship)—(Mr. Glenvil Hall)—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,
Colonel Ropner, 46.
Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite:

Tellers for the Noes,
Mrs. Corbet, 48.
Mr. George Porter:

Clause No. 6 (Construction).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Acceptance of property by trustees)—(Sir Charles MacAndrew)—brought up, and read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill as amended be reported.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker yesterday allocated the Children Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee C.

[No. 118.]

Tuesday, 11th May, 1948.

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.:—

Round Oak Steel Works (Level Crossings) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The South Suburban Gas 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 South Lancashire Transport Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Bevan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Borough of Northampton: 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 Stockton-on-Tees: 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 Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th May 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

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 24th day of February 1948, amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 10th May 1948, entitled—

(1) the Pencils (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948, and

(2) the Photographic Film (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th May 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maid's Outerwear) (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th May 1948, entitled the Paper (Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Denilits, Command,—Copy of the Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on the Remuneration of General Dental Practitioners.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th May 1948, entitled the Bricks (Range of Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stracey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food), an Order, dated 11th May 1948, entitled the Meals in Establishments Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Wells reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Employment and Training Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant May; and be printed.

Mr. Bowles reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Law Reform (Personal Injuries) Bill (Lords), and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill, intituled, An Act to abolish the defence of common employment, to amend the law relating to the measure of damages for personal injury or death, and for purposes connected therewith.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Mr. Mothers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Spence and Mr. Wadsworth.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Sir David Maxwell Fyfe and Mr. Emrys Roberts; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Hopkin Morris.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Children Bill [Lords]) : Mr. Battley, Mr. Coldrick, Mr. Cooper-Key, Mrs. Corbet, Mr. Cuthbert, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Secretary Edie, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Hastings, Lady Megan Lloyd George, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Commander Maitland, Mrs. Mans, Mr. Marlborough, Mr. Sidney Marshall, Sir Thomas Moore, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Randall, Mr. Renton, Mr. Royde, Mr. Charles Smith, Mr. Snow, Mr. Symonds, Dr. Taylor, Brigadier Thorp, Mr. Tooley, Mr. Frederich Willey and Mr. Younger.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant May; 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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Factories Act, 1937, and for matters consequential on the amendment of that Act: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had appointed in substitution Mr. Boothby, Miss Colman, Mr. Royle and Mr. Sutcliffe; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Hopkin Morris.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following twenty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the White Fish and Herring Industry Bill) : Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. George Brown, Major Lloyd George, Mr. Gluevins Hall, Mr. Hoy, Mr. Emrys Hughes, Squadron Leader Kinghorn, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mr. Odey, Mr. Popplewell, Sir David Robertson, Mr. Robertson, Sir Walter Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Colonel Wheatley, Mr. Charles Williams Mr. Thomas Williams and Mr. Secretary Woodburn.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following twenty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords]) : Mr. Barnes, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Challen, Mr. Collic, Mr. Dodds, Professor Griffydd, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hector Hughes, Colonel Hutchinson, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. Macleay, Commander Maitland, Captain Massen, Mr. Mellish, Commander Pursey, Mr. James Thomas and Mr. George Wallace.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Children Bill [Lords]) : Mr. Battley, Mr. Coldrick, Mr. Cooper-Key, Mrs. Corbet, Mr. Cuthbert, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Secretary Edie, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Hastings, Lady Megan Lloyd George, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Commander Maitland, Mrs. Mans, Mr. Marlborough, Mr. Sidney Marshall, Sir Thomas Moore, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Randall, Mr. Renton, Mr. Royde, Mr. Charles Smith, Mr. Snow, Mr. Symonds, Dr. Taylor, Brigadier Thorp, Mr. Tooley, Mr. Frederich Willey and Mr. Younger.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; 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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Factories Act, 1937, and for matters consequential on the amendment of that Act: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant May; and be printed.

Ordered, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Viant reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petition presented upon the 14th day 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 said Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Mothers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Erroll, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Major Gates, Mr. Langford-Holt, Mr. McCrorydale, Mr. Hopkin Morris, Mr. Thomas Reid, Mr. Royle and Mr. Sutcliffe; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Boothby, Miss Colman, Mr. Royle, Lady Elliot, Mr. Edward Evans, Lady MacLeod, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mr. Odey, Mr. Popplewell, Sir David Robertson, Mr. Robertson, Sir Walter Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Colonel Wheatley, Mr. Charles Williams Mr. Thomas Williams and Mr. Secretary Woodburn.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following twenty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the White Fish and Herring Industries Bill): Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. George Brown, Major Lloyd George, Mr. Gluevins Hall, Mr. Hoy, Mr. Emrys Hughes, Squadron Leader Kinghorn, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mr. Odey, Mr. Popplewell, Sir David Robertson, Mr. Robertson, Sir Walter Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Colonel Wheatley, Mr. Charles Williams Mr. Thomas Williams and Mr. Secretary Woodburn.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following twenty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords]): Mr. Barnes, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Challen, Mr. Collic, Mr. Dodds, Professor Griffydd, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hector Hughes, Colonel Hutchinson, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. Macleay, Commander Maitland, Captain Massen, Mr. Mellish, Commander Pursey, Mr. James Thomas and Mr. George Wallace.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Sir David Maxwell Fyfe and Mr. Emrys Roberts; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Hopkin Morris.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Children Bill [Lords]): Mr. Battley, Mr. Coldrick, Mr. Cooper-Key, Mrs. Corbet, Mr. Cuthbert, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Secretary Edie, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Hastings, Lady Megan Lloyd George, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Commander Maitland, Mrs. Mans, Mr. Marlborough, Mr. Sidney Marshall, Sir Thomas Moore, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Randall, Mr. Renton, Mr. Royde, Mr. Charles Smith, Mr. Snow, Mr. Symonds, Dr. Taylor, Brigadier Thorp, Mr. Tooley, Mr. Frederich Willey and Mr. Younger.

Ordered, That the said Minutes 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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Factories Act, 1937, and for matters consequential on the amendment of that Act: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant May; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c, have leave to report the Minutes of their further Proceedings.

Mr. Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Minutes of the further Proceedings of the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Viant reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petition presented upon the 14th day 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 said Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Mothers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Erroll, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Major Gates, Mr. Langford-Holt, Mr. McCrorydale, Mr. Hopkin Morris, Mr. Thomas Reid, Mr. Royle and Mr. Sutcliffe; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Boothby, Miss Colman, Mr. Royle, Lady Elliot, Mr. Edward Evans, Lady MacLeod, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mr. Odey, Mr. Popplewell, Sir David Robertson, Mr. Robertson, Sir Walter Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Colonel Wheatley, Mr. Charles Williams Mr. Thomas Williams and Mr. Secretary Woodburn.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following twenty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the White Fish and Herring Industries Bill): Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. George Brown, Major Lloyd George, Mr. Gluevins Hall, Mr. Hoy, Mr. Emrys Hughes, Squadron Leader Kinghorn, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mr. Odey, Mr. Popplewell, Sir David Robertson, Mr. Robertson, Sir Walter Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Colonel Wheatley, Mr. Charles Williams Mr. Thomas Williams and Mr. Secretary Woodburn.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following twenty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords]): Mr. Barnes, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Challen, Mr. Collic, Mr. Dodds, Professor Griffydd, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hector Hughes, Colonel Hutchinson, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. Macleay, Commander Maitland, Captain Massen, Mr. Mellish, Commander Pursey, Mr. James Thomas and Mr. George Wallace.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Sir David Maxwell Fyfe and Mr. Emrys Roberts; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Hopkin Morris.

Mr. Mothers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Children Bill [Lords]): Mr. Battley, Mr. Coldrick, Mr. Cooper-Key, Mrs. Corbet, Mr. Cuthbert, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Secretary Edie, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Hastings, Lady Megan Lloyd George, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Commander Maitland, Mrs. Mans, Mr. Marlborough, Mr. Sidney Marshall, Sir Thomas Moore, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Randall, Mr. Renton, Mr. Royde, Mr. Charles Smith, Mr. Snow, Mr. Symonds, Dr. Taylor, Brigadier Thorp, Mr. Tooley, Mr. Frederich Willey and Mr. Younger.
The Veterinary Surgeons Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

The Development of Inventions Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(No. 119.)

Wednesday, 12th May, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYSERS.

Mr. Barnes presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Darlington Corporation Trolley Vehicles (Additional Routes) Provisional Order Bill. Bill 96.

Mr. Barnes presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Harbour Transport under the General Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Redcar) Bill. Bill 97.

Mr. Barnes presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Harbour Transport under the General Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Swanage) Bill. Bill 98.

Mr. Barnes presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the Portsmouth Corporation Trolley Vehicles Provisional Order Bill. Bill 99.

Mr. Glensvi Hall presented, pursuant to the Building directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Revised Version of Form A.R. 11 of the Annual Account and Statement under the Building Societies Acts, 1874-1940.

Ordered, That the said Paper lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th April, 1948, entitled the Control of Building Operations (Northern Operations, Ireland) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes, ex-changed at London on the 14th day of April 1948, constituting an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Portuguese Government to prolong the Monetary Agreement of the 16th day of April 1946.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th May 1948, entitled the Palestine (Revocations) Order in Council, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th May 1948, entitled the Term of Jurisdiction in Palestine (Transitional Provisions) Order in Council, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th May 1948, entitled the Defence Regulations (No. 4) Order, 1948.

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 10th May 1948, entitled the Mental Deficiency Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Challen reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills, that they had considered the Companies Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and had agreed to a Report in respect thereof, which they had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them; and the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Accounts of the Coal Commission for the period ended the 31st day of December 1946, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Bevan from the Select Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had examined the allegations of the Darwen Corporation Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Select 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 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. 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 empower the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Warwick to acquire lands; to provide for the extinguishment of common rights and Lammans rights in or over Saint Mary's Commonable Lands Lammas Field Common The Pigwells Common and Saltisford Common; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Warwick 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Assistance Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 5, line 11, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 4, line 11, after (" not ") insert (" where regulations of the Board so provide, apply until the expiration of such time from the beginning of the engagement as may be prescribed by the regulations.

(2) The last foregoing subsection shall not (" (3) The council of a county or borough may, by resolution, authorise any of their officers acting as Receivers), 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, as far as the Amendment in page 9, line 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 9, line 37, at end insert Clause A (Accommodation in reception centres in special cases), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the 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 page 26, line 29, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 26, line 29, at end insert Clause B (Expenses of council officers acting as Receivers), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the 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 page 36, line 29, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 36, line 29, at end insert Clause C (Proceedings of appeal tribunal), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the 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 page 41, line 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 41, line 37, leave out line 37, and insert (" proceedings before the Appeal Tribunal "), 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 page 55, line 29, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 55, l. 29, leave out “appeals and references”) and insert (“proceedings before Tribunals”), 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. 57, l. 35, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 57, l. 35, leave out (“section seventeen”) and insert (“sections seventeen and eighteen”), 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. 60, l. 5, at end insert—

“(3) Where any part of the accommodation first referred to in the last foregoing sub-paragraph was being used immediately before the appointed day for the reception or relief of casual poor persons, then if the Minister of Health after consultation with the National Assistance Board so directs that sub-paragraph shall apply separately in relation to that part of the accommodation, and shall so apply with the substitution for the reference to section seventeen to have been incurred

(a) he shall not determine the arrangements made in pursuance of the direction except after consultation with the National Assistance Board;

(b) so long as those arrangements continue in force the local authority shall maintain in the accommodation provided in pursuance of the arrangements a centre for the like purposes as a reception centre maintained by the National Assistance Board, and the centre shall be deemed to be provided by the local authority in pursuance of a requirement under sub-section (2) of section seventeen of this Act;

(c) expenditure incurred by the local authority in making payments in accordance with head (b) of sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph shall be deemed for the purposes of sub-section (3) of the said section seventeen to have been incurred with the approval of the National Assistance Board.

The next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 70, l. 54, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 70, l. 54, leave out lines 51 and 52, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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that a person against whom proceedings are proposed to be taken under Part III of that Act may object to such proceedings being taken, and requires that a sanitary authority shall afford such a person an opportunity of being heard against such proceedings being taken, and provides for matters incidental to such hearing, shall not apply to proceedings which are proposed to be taken by a River Board.—(Sir Thomas Dygada.)

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, 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 Electoral Registration Regulations, 1948, dated 28th April 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 29th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the House of Commons Members' Fund Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Snow reported from the Committee on Children [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for the care or welfare of boys and girls when they are without parents or living away from their parents, and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorise the following payments out of moneys provided by Parliament:

A. Payments to local authorities of not more than fifty per cent. of their expenditure in the discharge of their functions under the enactments hereinafter specified together with their appropriate share of receipts under the provisions of any of the said enactments as to contributions towards expenses and as to affiliation orders and decrees for aliment.

B. Grants in respect of the fees and expenses of persons undergoing training in connection with their employment or future employment either for the purposes of any of the said enactments or by voluntary organisations for similar purposes, in respect of the cost of maintenance of persons undergoing such training, and in respect of the cost of providing such training.

C. Grants in respect of voluntary homes.

D. Payments in respect of the travelling, subsistence and other expenses of members of advisory councils and committees thereof.

E. Payments in respect of the expenses of appeal tribunals and the fees and allowances of members of appeal tribunals.

F. The payment of any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, or the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937, being an increase attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to inspectors;

(ii) under the Family Allowances Act, 1945, being an increase attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session as to the inclusion in a family of certain children.

G. Payment of the administrative expenses of the Secretary of State.

The enactments hereinafter referred to are the said Act of the present Session, Parts III and IV of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, the provisions relating to child life protection of Part VII of the Public Health Act, 1936, and the provisions of Part XIII of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936, Parts I, IV and V of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937, and the Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act, 1939.

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, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Ely, a copy of which Order was presented on the 10th day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Direction, dated 23rd April 1948, entitled the Coal Distribution Order, 1943. General Direction (Restriction of Supplies) No. 17 (S.I., 1948, No. 833), a copy of which was presented on the 26th day of April last, be annulled.—(Sir John Mellor);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Sir John Mellor, Colonel Gomme-Duncan;

Mr. Simmons, Mr. George Wallace.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Pophlewdell);

And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House having continued to sit until twenty-four minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Bevan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Borough of Shrewsbury: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Twenty-second Day (the 10th day of February 1948).

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 Regulations, dated 13th May 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Ranks) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations, 1948.

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 Regulations, dated 13th May 1948, entitled the General Hollow-Ware (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th May 1948, entitled the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supplies and Transport) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Copies of Rules, dated 6th May 1948, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules, 1948 (with Report by the Ministry of Transport),
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) (No. 2) Rules, 1948,
(3) the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Rules, 1948 (with Report by the Ministry of Transport),
(4) the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (No. 2) Rules, 1948,
Vol. 203.

(5) the Merchant Shipping (Musters) Rules, 1948 (with Report by the Ministry of Transport), and
(6) the Merchant Shipping (Musters) (No. 2) Rules, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Services (Motor Fuel) an Order, dated 13th May 1948, entitled the Motor Spirit (Regulations) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stracey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Services (Food) an Order, dated 14th May 1948, entitled the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1947 (General Licence No. 4) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 13th May 1948, entitled—
(1) the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) the Town and Country Planning (Modification of Mines Act) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Diamond reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Gas Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration on Tuesday the 25th day of this instant May; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee 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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon the Mayor and Aldermen of Beverley in regard to their gas undertaking; to authorise the supply of heat by means of hot water and steam; to make further and better provision in reference to the improvement of the local government and finances of the city; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon the Mayor and Aldermen and Citizens of the city of Birmingham in regard to their gas undertaking; to authorise the supply of heat by means of hot water and steam; to make further and better provision in reference to the improvement of the local government and finances of the city; 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 Citizens of the city of Coventry to construct waterworks and to take further water from the river Avon; to authorise the supply of heat by means of hot water and steam; to alter the qualification for obtaining the freedom of the
city; to confer further powers on the Corporation with regard to the health improvement and good government of the city; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Beverley Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Business of Supply), Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 25th day of this instant May.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1948-49

| Class VII, Vote 13, Central Office of Information | £10 |
| Class I, Vote 4, Treasury and Subordinate Departments | £10 |
| **Total** | **£20** |

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, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

2. Lord High Commissioner (Church of Scotland) Act, 1948.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services relating to the Central Office of Information and the Economic Information Unit for the year ending on the 31st March 1949, namely:

Civil Estimates 1948-49

Class VII, Vote 13, Central Office of Information
Class I, Vote 4, Treasury and Subordinate Departments

| **Total** | **£20** |

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class VII, Vote 13, Central Office of Information, be reduced by £5.—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 'Major Conant, 
Yea, 
Major Ramsay : 
Noe, 
Mr. Snow, 
Mr. George Wallace : 

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.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class VII, Vote 13, Central Office of Information, be reduced by £5.—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 'Major Conant, 
Yea, 
Major Ramsay : 
Noe, 
Mr. Snow, 
Mr. George Wallace : 

Original Question again proposed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Corporation
St. Helens
Super-
Country
and General
Insurance.
National
annuation.
Local .
(Scotland).
Planning
Town and
Country
(Scotland).
Planning
Report.
Vide Fourth
Petitions.
Powers) Bill.
No. 137.
Adjournment.
Mr. George Wallace) ; 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 Standing Order, it
being then twenty-nine minutes before
Five of the clock, till Tuesday the
25th day of this instant May, pursuant
to the Resolution of the House
yesterday.

[No. 122.]
Tuesday, 25th May, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after
Two of the clock.

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 Stand-
ing Orders not previously inquired into are
applicable thereto, viz. ;—
Warwick Corporation Bill [Lords].
Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords].
Beverley Corporation Bill [Lords].
Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Birmingham University Bill [Lords],
as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Ipswich Corporation Bill, as amended
in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Smethwick Corporation Bill, as
amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Com-
munications declaring that copies of the under-
mentioned Statutory Instruments have yet to
be laid before Parliament, and explaining why
such copies have not been so laid before the
Instruments came into operation, pursuant to
the Standing Order (Notification) ;—
Order, dated 14th May 1948, entitled the
Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maxi-
mum Prices) (No. 14) Order, 1948.
Orders,—
(1) dated 18th May 1948, entitled the Im-
ported Canned Fish (Maximum Prices)
Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 3) Order,
1948.
(2) dated 18th May 1948, entitled the
Milk (Control and Maximum Prices) (Great
Britain) Order, 1947 (General Licence)
Order, 1948.
(3) dated 21st May 1948, entitled the Cereal
Breakfast Foods (Control and Maximum
Prices) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 4)
Order, 1948.
The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Twenty-third day (the 3rd day of March 1948).

Copy of Letters, dated 30th April 1948, exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Ceylon concerning Ceylon's Sterling Assets and Monetary Co-operation between the two Governments.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Warsaw, on the 24th day of January 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Polish Republic concerning Compensation for British Interests affected by the Polish Nationalisation Law of the 3rd day of January 1946 (with Minute and Annex).

Copy of a Treaty of Alliance between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Majesty the King of the Hashimite Kingdom of Transjordan (with Letters exchanged), signed at Amman on the 15th day of March 1948 (Ratifications exchanged at London on the 30th day of April 1948).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Buenos Aires, on the 13th day of February 1947, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Argentine Government accepting the Agreement of Sale of the British-owned Railways in Argentina.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, between the 1st and the 15th day of April 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic regarding the exclusion of Syria from the Franc Area as defined in the Anglo-French Financial Agreement of the 27th day of March 1945.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Account of the National Debt Commissioners, showing the amount issued from the Exchequer and applied in the year ended the 31st day of March 1948 in respect of the Old Sinking Fund and of the New Sinking Fund (1928).

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 18th day of May 1948 on Stock issued by the British Transport Commission under the Transport Act, 1947. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Nineteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Racecourse Betting Control Board for 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 Rules, dated 13th May 1948, entitled the Police War Reserve (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules, 1948. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell 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 Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Orders, dated 12th May 1948,—

1. making provision for the payment of new rates of pay and allowances to members of His Majesty's Royal Air Force and ancillary services and their wives and dependants, and
2. amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 11th December 1944 and included in a Volume entitled The King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force (1948 (2nd Edition)).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Statutes,—

1. made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on the 12th day of March 1948, amending the Statutes of the College,
2. made by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, on the 6th day of March 1948, amending the Statutes of the College,
3. made by the Governing Body of Queen's College, Oxford, on the 3rd day of March 1948, amending the Statutes of the College,
4. made by the Governing Body of Wadham College, Oxford, on the 4th day of March 1948, amending the Statutes of the College, and
5. made by the Governing Body of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, on the 20th day of February 1948, amending the Statutes of the Hall.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Copy of an Order, dated 21st May 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Infants' and Children's) Order, 1948.
Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th May 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Regulations, 1948. Copy of a Report of the National Insurance National Advisory Committee, in accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement by the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act. 

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act, an Order, dated 25th May 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement of Restriction of Ribbon Development Acts) Regulations, 1948. 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, entitled the Motor Fuel (Car Hire) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Mr. Challen reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills, that they had considered the Agricultural Wages Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords; and had agreed to a Report in respect thereof, which they had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them; and the Report was brought up, and read. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Anthony Greenwood and Squadron Leader Kin,ghorn; and had appointed in substitution Captain Field and Mr. Edward Mallalieu.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the White Fish and Herring Industries Bill): Mr. Sydney Smith; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peart.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee, that they had discharged the Committee C.
following Member from Standing Committee C., Mr. Weissman, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Corlett.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1948-49

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £50, be granted to His Majesty towards defraying the charges for the following services relating to the Board of Trade and Distribution of Industry, for the year ending on the 31st March 1949, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1948-49

Class VI., Vote 1, Board of Trade - £10
Class VI., Vote 2, Services in Development Areas - £10
Class VI., Vote 3, Financial Assistance in Development Areas - £10
Class V., Vote 4, Ministry of Labour and National Service - £10
Class V., Vote 11, Ministry of Town and Country Planning - £10

£50

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class VI., Vote 1, Board of Trade, be reduced by £5.—(Mr. Maclay).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Butcher, 112.
Mr. Niall Macpherson: 112.

Tellers for the

Mr. Popplewell, 231.
Mr. George Wallace: 231.

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.

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. 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

The St. Helens Corporation (Electricity and 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Darwen Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Round Oak Steel Works (Level Crossings) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Glennis Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1948, entitled the Exchange Control.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th May 1948, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol for the Dissolution of the International Institute of Agriculture and the Transfer of its Functions and Assets to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (with Annex), signed at Rome on the 30th day of March 1946.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—copy of Orders, dated 26th May 1948, entitled—

(1) the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Outerwear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948, and

(2) the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Underwear and Nightwear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supply and Services (Food) Orders, dated 26th May 1948, entitled—

(1) the Coffee Essence (Control) Order, 1942 (Amendment) Order, 1948.
Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th May 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Increase of Unemployment Benefit) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Rules, dated 24th May 1948, entitled the Mental Treatment (Adaptation of Forms) Rules, 1948.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make fresh provision relating to the functions of the Minister of Labour and National Service relating to employment and training for employment; to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive youth employment service; and for other purposes.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the River Boards Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Motor Spirit (Regulation) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Shoreham Harbour 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 Cromer Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the dissolution of the Commissioners elected under the Cromer Protection Acts 1845 and 1899 and for the transfer of the pier and other property and the powers and obligations of the said Commissioners to the Urban District Council of Cromer; to confer further powers on the Council in regard to their pier undertaking lands and other matters; to make further and better provision for the improvement health and local government of their district; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Motor Spirit (Regulation) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Cromer Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Employment and Training Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 42, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Amongst such members there shall also be included persons representing workmen."—(Mr. Gallacher.)

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. 9, l. 33, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that all such particulars shall be made available to the parent or guardian of any pupils concerned in this section of the Act."—(Mr. Kenneth Lindsay.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 8, by leaving out the word " thirty-four," and inserting the word " forty "—(Mr. Gallacher),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word " thirty-four" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Then the Title of the Bill was amended, as Title amended.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 41, at the end add—

"Provided that all such particulars shall be made available to the parent or guardian of any pupils concerned in this section of the Act:—(Mr. Kenneth Lindsay.)

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. 34, l. 22, after "(be)" insert ("or, but for any rules made under this section, would be or be deemed to be")", the first Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to Special Entry, to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 12, l. 30, after "(has)" insert ("before the expiration of the relevant period under subsection (3) of this section "); the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to Special Entry, to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 25, l. 41, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 41, at end add—

"(3) Where a person who is in war service immediately before the end of the period of the present emergency continues in the same service after the end thereof in pursuance of a legal obligation so to do arising by reason of his voluntary continuance of his service without the consent of the education authority, governing body or other body of managers by whom he was employed immediately before undertaking war service, nothing in the definition of 'period of war service' in section..."
seven of the Act shall be construed as enabling so much of the said service continued as aforesaid as falls after the end of the period of the present emergency to be treated as part of his period of war service,", the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

**Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.**

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

**Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.**

**Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.**

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Town and Country Planning (Development Charge Exemptions) Regulations, 1948, dated 23rd April 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 29th day of April last be approved—Mr. Secretary Woodburn; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Thornton, 220.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Wallace, 74.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Town and Country Planning (Development Charge Exemptions) Regulations, 1948, dated 29th April 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 29th day of April last be approved—Mr. Secretary Woodburn:—A Debate arising thereupon;

Sir John Mellor moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, put the Question thereupon forthwith.

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Sir John Mellor, 54.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Wallace, 220.
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put:

**Resolved, That the Town and Country Planning (Development Charge Exemptions) Regulations, 1948, dated 29th April 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 29th day of April last, be approved.**

**Resolved, That the Town and Country Planning (Development Charge) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, made by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947, a copy of which Regulations was presented on the 29th day of April last, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)**

**Resolved, That the Town and Country Planning (Development Charge Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, made by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947, a copy of which Regulations was presented on the 7th day of this instant May, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)**

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Popplewell):—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 Standing Order, it being then seven minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

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**PRAYERS.**

**T**he Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Twenty-fourth Day (the 4th day of March 1949). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Ultimus Haeres 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 1947, and of an Alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Haeres in Scotland, administered by the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, in the same year.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy
of an Order, dated 25th May 1948, entitled the Cold Storage (Control of Undertakings) (Charges) Order, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled Capital Punishment.
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 Regulations, dated 27th May 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement of Restriction of Ribbon Development Acts) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.
Ordered, 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 1949.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th May 1948, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 14) Order, 1948.
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 24th May 1948, entitled the Sea-Fishing Industry (Restriction of Fishing in Northern Waters) Suspension Order, 1948.
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 Stockton-on-Tees 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 directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th May 1948, entitled—
(1) the Milk (Special Designations) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948,
(2) the Public Health (Condensed Milk) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948,
(3) the Public Health (Dried Milk) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948,
(4) the Public Health (Imported Food) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1948,
(5) the Public Health (Meat) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948,
(6) the Public Health (Preservatives, &c., in Food) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948, and
(7) the Public Health (Shell-Fish) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th May 1948, Supplies and Services (Food).
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Electricity, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th May 1948, entitled the Electricity (Conversion Date) (No. 2) Order, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Order, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Motor Spirit (Regulation) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [14th allotted Day] itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1948–49

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 the Ministry of Works, Administrative Costs and Buildings for the year ending on the 31st March 1949, namely—

Civil Estimates, 1948–49

Class VII, Vote 1, Ministry of Works—
Class VII, Vote 2, Houses of Parliament—
Class VII, Vote 3, Public Buildings, Great Britain—
Class VII, Vote 9, Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens—
Class VII, Vote 10, Miscellaneous Works Services—

Total—

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class VII, Vote 1, Ministry of Works, be reduced by £5.—(Captain Crookshank.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Commander Agnew, 105.
Major Conant, 227.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Henderson, 105.
Mr. Hannan: 227.

Original Question again proposed.
Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Simmons)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and to report upon, the circumstances in which the names of Members of this House are alleged to have been added without their consent to a telegram sent on the 16th day of April last to Signor Nenni—(Mr. Stanley);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the [Major Conant, Yeas, Braggadier Mackeson : 106.
Tellers for the Mr. Snow, Nos, Mr. George Wallace : 221.

So it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Motor Spirit (Regulation) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Dudley Brierley Hill and District Gas Company, which was presented on the 21st day of April last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgess of the Borough of Tiverton, which was presented on the 21st day of April last and published, be approved. —(Mr. Robens.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bangor, which was presented on the 21st day of April last and published, be approved. —(Mr. Robens.)

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 Standing Order, it being then six minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Prayers.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders Bills, that in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading applicable, thereon, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Shrewsbury) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Exeter) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Stockton-on-Tees) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Gloucester) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Macclesfield) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Northampton) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Huddersfield) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bristol) Bill.
Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bradford) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Birmingham University Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Ipswich Corporation Bill was read the Ipswich Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Smethwick Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Bank of Command,—Copy of a Report concerning the England Bank of England for the year ended the 29th day of February 1948.

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 Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1947.

Mr. Secretary Eden also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report of His Majesty’s Inspectors of Constabulary for the year ended the 29th day of September 1947.


Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th May 1948, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (England and Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th May 1948, entitled the Potatoes (General Provisions) Order, 1944 (Amendment No. 8) Order, 1948.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th May 1948, entitled the Motor Spirit Regulations, 1948.

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 Nurseries and Child-Minders 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.

And the Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Radioactive Substances Bill [Lords] be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Bevan, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Radioactive Substances Bill [Lords], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to radioactive substances and certain apparatus producing radiation, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Supply in the exercise of functions under the said Act and any administrative expenses incurred by any
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Minister of the Crown or Government department under or by virtue of the said Act.—
(Mr. Bevan.)
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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Law Reform (Personal Injuries) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 10, by inserting, after the first word "benefit," the words "disability pension, allowance or grant payable under any Royal Warrant or Order to members of His Majesty's forces, their widows, children or dependants or other persons."—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Buchanan, 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bradford) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bristol) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Exeter) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Gloucester) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Huddersfield) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Macclesfield) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Northampton) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Shrewsbury) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Stockton-on-Tees) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Direction, dated 29th May 1948, given by the Treasury under Regulation 2A of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939.

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 Regulations, dated 28th May 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning Act (Scotland).

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Shoreham Harbour 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 Darwen Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Beverley Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

(Lords).
The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [16th allotted Day].

(Civil Estimates, 1948-49)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £30, be granted to His Majesty towards defraying the charges for the following services relating to Civil Aviation in Scotland for the year ending on the 31st March 1949, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1948-49

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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 the Ministry of Fuel and Power in Scotland for the year ending on the 31st March 1949, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1948-49

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Total: £40

Mr. Gallacher 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.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
[No. 127.]

Tuesday, 1st June, 1948.

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.:

Cromer Urban District Council Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The London County Council (Money) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Warwick Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

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 an Order, dated 21st May 1948, entitled the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) (No. 2) Order, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Exeter College, Oxford, on the 15th day of March 1948, 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 Orders, dated 29th May 1948, entitled—(1) the Watermark Disease (Hertfordshire) Order of 1948, (2) the Watermark Disease (Middlesex) Order of 1948, and (3) the Watermark Disease (Suffolk) Order of 1948.
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 27th May 1948, entitled the Transfer of Powers (London) (Sayes Court, Greenwich) Order, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st May 1948, entitled the Building (Safety, Health and Welfare) Regulations, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barne presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1947, entitled the London-Carlisle-Glasgow-Inverness Trunk Road (Derbyshire) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. 25) 1947, together with Certificate by the Minister of Transport under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, by His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines, Command,—Copy of the Final Report on the Causes of, and Circumstances attending, the Explosion which occurred at Whitehaven 'William' Colliery, Cumberland, on the 15th day of August 1947, by A. M. Bryan Esquire, J.P., B.Sc., His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th May 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations, 1948.
Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement by the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table;
and that the said Report be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &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 Public Health (Venereal Diseases Regulations) Revocation Regulations, 1948 (S.I. 1948, No. 928), a copy of which was presented on the 3rd day of May last, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to them on the ground that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in their publication.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire in connection with the acquisition of lands; to make further provisions in relation to highways and good government in the West Riding; to confer powers upon the County Council and
to enact provisions with respect to the finances of the West Riding, and the superannuation of certain officers and servants; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon the Corporation with respect to their several undertakings and in respect of other matters; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The West Riding County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Salford 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 (No. 2) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Tobacco).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out ll. 24 to 35, and insert the words "(5) Duty shall not be chargeable under the last preceding subsection—(a) on any tobacco as to which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that, before the passing of this Act, it has been exported or shipped for use as stores or deposited in the King’s Warehouse or a bonded warehouse; or (b) on any manufactured tobacco (including cigarettes, cigars and snuff other than offal snuff) as to which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that it was at five o’clock in the afternoon on the said sixth day of April fully prepared for sale by retail and that either—(i) it was not the product of any operation carried out by any manufacturer in whose ownership or possession it was at that time; or (ii) it was at that time held as retail stock in premises used for selling tobacco by retail; or (iii) it was at that time in transit from seller to buyer under a contract of sale:

Provided that no tobacco shall be deemed for the purposes of paragraph (b) of this subsection to have been fully prepared for sale by retail if, according to the ordinary course of business of the person in whose ownership or possession it was or to whom it was in transit, it had still to be subjected to some further process (other than packing) before being sold by him."—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

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Clause No. 14 (Bookmakers’ licence duty).
Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 6, column 3, to leave out “£12,” and insert “6.”—(Captain Heathson.)

Question put, That “£12” stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Popplewell, 269.
Mr. Wilkins:
Tellers for the Commander Agnew, 105.
Noes, Major Concot:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words—
“(f) a hound trail shall not be deemed to be a dog race meeting within the meaning of this Act.”—(Sir Ian Fraser.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Entertainments duty on stage plays, etc.).
Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 36, at the end, to add the words—

(3) Entertainment duty on cinematograph theatres shall be altered as follows—

[(f) Entertainment duty on cinematograph theatres shall be altered as follows—

Section six of the Finance Act, 1943, shall have effect as if for the rates of duty set out in Part II of the Fifth Schedule to that Act there were substituted the rates of duty set out in the Schedule (Revised Rates of Duty on Cinematograph Theatres) to this Act.”]—(Mr. Gallacher.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee proceeded to a Division. Wednesday, 2nd June, 1948:

Tellers for the Mr. Waiths, 19.
Mr. Henderson, Stewart:
Tellers for the Mr. Simmons, 224.
Noes, Mr. Hannan :

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Relief for rural entertainments).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Stanley.)

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 40, after the second word “in,” to insert the words “a borough, urban district or.”—(Lieutenant-Colonel Corbett.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 42, to leave out from “ 1933,” to the end of l. 46:—(Mr. Asterley Jones.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “two,” in l. 42, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 17 and 18 agreed to.

Chairman to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Snow.)

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.— Adjournment. (Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 128.]

Wednesday, 2nd June, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenval Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of a Act of Parliament Nominee, Abstract Account of Receipts of, and Payments by, the Treasury Solicitor in 1947, 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.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Representation Majestty’s Command,—Copy of a Report of the Boundary Commissioners for England on representations relating to proposed new constituencies in parts of Cheshire, Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and East Sussex.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant Church to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Nominee, Copy of a Scheme made by the Council of the City of Cardiff 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. Secretary Henderson presented, by World His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Final Meteorological Act and Convention adopted by the Conference Directors of the International Meteorological Organisation, held at Washington between the 22nd day of September and the 11th day of October 1947.

Ordered, that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 1st June 1948, entitled—

(1) the Woven Cloth (Cotton, Rayon and Linen) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Curtain Cloth (Utility) Order, 1948.
Copy of a Licence, dated 1st June 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Sandal and Slipper Soles) Licence, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 1st June 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) (No. 8) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copies of Draft Regulations, entitled—

1. the National Health Service (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948,
2. the National Health Service (Superannuation) (England and Scotland) Regulations, 1948, and
3. the National Health Service (Transfer of Officers and Compensation Staff) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 31st May 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Executive Councils) Amendment Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled Gas Supply Areas (Revised).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Milk Distribution.

Mr. Strachey also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st June 1948, entitled the Milk (Non-priority Allowance) (No. 3) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the National Insurance (Extension of Unemployment Benefit) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance (Extension of Unemployment Benefit) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act.

Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement made by the National Insurance Joint Authority in accordance with that Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Reports be printed.

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Mr. Butcher reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the White Fish and Herring Industries 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 19 (New purchase tax rates).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 18, to leave out from the beginning to the first word “the” in l. 19,—(Mr. Peake.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas:] 
[Mr. Richard Adams, Noes:] 275.

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Major Ramsay:] 156.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 20 to 23 agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Charge of income tax for 1948-49).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 29, to leave out the word “total,” and insert the word “taxable.”—(Mr. Assheton.)

Question, That the word “total” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 25 agreed to.

Clause No. 26 (Alteration of certain reliefs).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 1, to leave out subsection (1), and insert the words—

"(1) Subsection (1) of section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1935 (which, as amended by subsequent enactments, exempts from tax incomes not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds), shall have effect as if the words ‘one hundred and sixty pounds’ were substituted for the words ‘one hundred and twenty pounds.’"

(2) Subsection (2) of section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1935 (as amended by subsequent enactments), is hereby repealed.”—(Viscount Hinchingbrooke.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 27, after the word “hundred,” to insert the words “and fifty.”—(Mr. Howard.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 29, at the end, to insert the words—

"(c) the words ‘five hundred and fifty pounds,’ were substituted in the said subsection (2) for the words ‘five hundred pounds.’”—(Mr. Howard.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 27 to 29 agreed to.

Clause No. 30 (Farmings, and other profits arising from land).
Amendment proposed, in p. 20, to leave out ll. 32 to 47, and insert the words "section eleven of the Finance Act, 1941 (which, as amended by section twenty-eight of the Finance Act, 1942, exempts from assessment under Schedule D certain farming carried on by individuals or partnerships on land of an annual value not exceeding one hundred pounds) shall have effect as if for the words "one hundred pounds," there were substituted the words "fifty pounds": "(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section."—(Mr. Watkins.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, to leave out ll. 28 to 43, and insert the words—"(ii) nothing in this subsection shall affect the charge of tax under Schedule B upon the one-third annual value of all woodlands in respect of which no election to be charged to tax in respect thereof under Schedule D has been made under Rule 7 of Schedule B."—(Mr. Assheton.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted.

Proposed words amended, in l. 2, by leaving out from the word "the" to the end, and adding the words "taxation of woodlands which are managed on a commercial basis and with a view to the realisation of profits,"—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—and, as amended, there inserted.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Snow,
Mr. Richard Adams : 276.
Mr. Studholme,
Noes,
Major Ramsay : 131.

Clause No. 31 agreed to.
Clause No. 32 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 33 to 36 agreed to.
Clause No. 37 (Expenses allowances, etc.) amended, there inserted.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Simmons,
Mr. Popplewell : 259.
Mr. Major Conant,
Noes,
Major Ramsay : 102.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 38 (Benefits in kind to be taken into account).

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 45, to leave out from the word "meals" to the word "in", and insert the word "canteen."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

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Question put, and negatived.

Word "canteen" there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 39 and 40 agreed to.
Clause No. 41 (Saving for certain payments and expenses).

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 24, after the word "no," to insert the word "material."—(Sir Peter Bennett.)

Question, That the word "material" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 40, at the end, to add the words—"(2) Notwithstanding anything in the preceding provisions of this Part of this Act no sum shall be chargeable to income tax as income of a director or employed person by virtue of the said provisions when the aggregate of any expenses allowance and the value of benefits paid to or provided for the director or employee does not exceed fifteen pounds in any year of assessment."—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 42 agreed to.

Clause No. 43 (Charities and non-trading bodies).

Amendment proposed, in p. 31, l. 22, at the end, to add the words "or to a local authority."—(Mr. Butcher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 44 and 45 agreed to.

Chairman to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, 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 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 Standing Order, it being then fourteen minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.
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The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

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A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Twenty-fifth Day (the 17th day of March 1948). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics relating to Crime and Criminal Proceedings in England and Wales for 1946. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 30th April 1948. 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 April 1948. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Ninth Annual Report of the National Camps Corporation Limited (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948). 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 3rd June 1948, entitled the Use of Vehicles during Harvesting Order, 1948. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Medical Certification) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Whitstable Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Whitstable Urban District Council Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House : And the Report was brought up, and read. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Great Yarmouth Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House : And the Report was brought up, and read. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker announced 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 Animals Bill, Animals Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the House of Commons Members' Fund Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to Consolidate the Agricultural Wages Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to Consolidate the Companies Act, 1929, Bill [Lords].
certain other enactments amending the first-mentioned Act; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Agricultural Wages Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Companies Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 46 (Charge, and amount, of contribution).

Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 40, to leave out the words "total income," and insert the words "aggregate investment income."—(Mr. Eccles.)

Question put, That the words "total income," stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, 271.
Mr. Hannan: 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that where an individual is a husband living with his wife the first five hundred pounds shall be substituted for the first two hundred and fifty pounds, and where the individual proves that he is maintaining a child or children under the age of sixteen years or that a person over that age is dependent upon him, such sum shall be increased by one hundred pounds in respect of each child or dependant."—(Mr. Turtain.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Commander Agnew, 123.
Major Conant: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Henderson.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 15, after the word "amount," to insert the words "less the income tax including surtax appropriate thereto on the footing that it is regarded as the highest part of his income."—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, to leave out l. 18.—(Sir Thomas Moore.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 24, to leave out the words "end of the year 1947-48," and insert the words "first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-nine."—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 38, at the end, to add the words "and the contribution shall be treated as a debt due by the estate for the purposes of the Estate Duties."—(Colonel Hutchinson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Collindridge, 276.
Mr. Wilkins: 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Ramsay, 110.
Brigadier Macthson: 110.

Clause No. 47 (Ascertainment of income and total income).

Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 42, at the end, to add the words "and subject as aforesaid income shall be treated for the purposes of this Part of this Act as income of an individual if it would be so treated for the purposes of surtax."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Snow, 273.
Mr. Richard Adams: 110.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, 110.
Brigadier Macthson: 110.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 42, at the end, to add the words—

"Provided that where an individual satisfies the Commissioners that between the eleventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven and the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine he has completely or substantially retired from a former active trade, profession, employment or vocation and that his earned income for 1947-48 exceeded his earned income for 1948-49, the Commissioners in ascertaining for the purpose of this Part of this Act his total income for 1947-48, shall reduce his earned income by the amount of the excess."—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 42, at the end, to add the words—

"Provided that where at any time before the fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty an individual proves to the satisfaction of the Special Commissioners that the investment income received by him during the year 1947-48 included income from undertakings which were absorbed under nationalisation schemes before the fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the said Commissioners may in ascertaining total income and aggregate investment income for the purposes of this Part of this Act, shall substitute for the income from such undertakings the gross interest amount for one year payable on the compensation stocks allotted to the individual in respect of his holdings in the said undertakings whether or not the said stocks were continuously held by him up to the fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine."—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Question put, That those words be there added.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
{Mr. Studholme : 119.
Mr. Joynson-Hicks : 263.
Brigadier Mackeson : 188.
Mr. Snow : 192.
Mr. Vane : 74.
Mr. Popplewell : 237.
Mr. V. Census." 

Mr. Manningham-Buller.

Mr. George Wallace : 203.
Mr. A. 1. 32, at the end, to add the words, "a terminable, "(4) Where in pursuance of subsection (4) of section thirty-one of the Finance Act, 1927, the whole of the undistributed profits of a company up to the date of liquidation, deemed to be income for the purposes of surtax, only such percentage thereof as shall be equivalent to the average percentage of profit distributed (or, if greater, such percentage as may be deemed, by direction of the Special Commissioners, to have been distributed) by the said company for the three financial years prior to the liquidation, shall be treated as investment income."—(Mr. Eccles.)

Question, That those words be there inserted.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
{Major Conant : 94.
Major Ramsay : 92.
Mr. Pearson : 81.
Mr. Hannan : 78.
Mr. Agnew : 182.
Mr. Popplewell : 74.
Mr. A. 1. 35, at the end, to insert the words, "a terminable, "(5) In ascertaining aggregate investment income for the purposes of this Part of this Act, no deduction shall be allowed in respect of any relief under the provisions of the Income Tax Acts relating to relief in respect of losses.

(3) The amount of any allowance under the Income Tax Act, 1945, available or primarily available against a specified class of income which is deducted from or set off against income of that class for the year 1947-48 shall be allowed as a deduction in ascertaining aggregate investment income for the purposes of this Part of this Act, but in so far only as the amount of the allowance does not exceed the investment income for that year of that class."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

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Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 14, to leave out from the word "Act," to the end of the proposed Amendment.—(Mr. Turton.)

Question proposed, That the words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
{Mr. Pearson : 92.
Mr. Popplewell : 74.
Mr. A. 1. 34, at the end, to add the words, "a terminable, "(2) In ascertaining aggregate investment income, not in pursuance of subsection (4), the amount of any allowance under the provisions of the Income Tax Acts relating to relief in respect of losses shall be allowed as a deduction in ascertaining aggregate investment income for the purposes of this Part of this Act, but in so far only as the amount of the allowance does not exceed the investment income for that year of that class."—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
{Mr. Popplewell : 74.
Mr. Vane : 74.
Mr. Vane : 74.
Mr. Popplewell : 74.
Mr. A. 1. 35, at the end, to insert the words, "a terminable, "(c) income derived from capital in respect of which the trustees have received notice of a charge or a deferred sale."—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks.)

Question, That those words be there inserted.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 36, l. 17, at the end, to add the words—
"(4) Nothing in this section shall operate to reduce the income of an individual from a trust otherwise than is necessary to meet the liability of that individual for the Special Contribution, if any, payable in respect of the income which he derived from the trust."—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 53 (Payment in advance, and interest on unpaid contribution).

Amendment proposed, in p. 36, l. 32, to leave out the words "whether already assessed or not."—(Mr. Eccles.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Mr. Popplewell, Yeas, 176.
Mr. George Wallace : Nos, 66.
Major Conant, Major Ramsay :

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 54 (Assessment and collection of contribution).

Amendment proposed, in p. 36, l. 41, to leave out from the first word "shall," to the end of the line.—(Mr. Howard.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 55 (Recovery of contribution from trustees).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words—
"Provided always that if the unpaid part is less than the amount specified in the last foregoing subsection the amount recoverable under the next following subsection as a debt due to the Crown shall be reduced by the amount of the difference and the Contributor shall be entitled to recover the amount of the difference under the next following subsection."—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words—
"(3) Where investment income of the contributor arose from capital in respect of which a trust was subsequently created during the year 1947-48, the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall apply as though the trust had been created prior to the year 1947-48."—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words—
"Provided further that nothing in this Act shall render any trustee liable or accountable for any part of the contribution in excess of the assets for the time being vested in him or under his control and subject to the trust."—(Mr. Eccles.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 56 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 57 (Provisions as to husband and wife).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 40, l. 35, to leave out subsection (4), and insert the words—
"(4) Upon receipt of a notice of assessment to contribution, a husband or wife may, within 28 days of the date of the notice, require that his or her investment income and contribution shall be apportioned and charged separately, and collection of the contribution shall thereupon proceed accordingly."—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 58 and 59 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 60 (Relief where income attributable to period of years was received in year 1947-48).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 34, at the end, to add the words—
"(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section where a body corporate can show to the satisfaction of the Special Commissioners that the sums distributed by way of dividend on ordinary shares when taken in conjunction with other sums distributed is in excess of the profits arising in the period for which the dividend is declared, then for the purposes of this Part of this Act, the Special Commissioners shall in ascertaining the total income and aggregate investment income make such adjustment of the income arising from such ordinary shares as is necessary to affect the excess."—(Mr. Odey.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 61 (Relief in respect of error or mistake).

Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 38, to leave out from the word "mistake," to the word "or," in l. 39.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 30, after the word "contribution," to insert the words "or for the purposes of the Income Tax Acts or by reason of any return used by the Special Commissioners under subsection (2) of section fifty-four of the Act not having contained sufficient information for the purpose of such assessment."—(Mr. Eccles.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 45, at the end, to insert the words, "and the interest thereon."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
An Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 62 and 63 agreed to.
Clause No. 64 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 65 to 69 agreed to.
Clause No. 70 (Estate duty where policies kept up or effected under settlements).
Amendment proposed, in p. 49, l. 24, after the word "deceased," to insert the words "within five years before his death."—(Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 71 agreed to.
Clause No. 72 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 73 to 76 agreed to.
Chairman to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

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.

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.

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 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 Standing Order, it being then four minutes after Six of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

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Friday, 4th June, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Forestry Commissioners, for the year ended the 30th day of September 1947.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Veterinary Surgeons Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Simmons reported from the Committee on Radioactive Substances [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:
That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to radioactive substances and certain apparatus producing radiation, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Supply in the exercise of functions under the said Act and any administrative expenses incurred by any Minister of the Crown or Government department under or by virtue of the said Act:
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved Radioactive Substances Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)
Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Clause No. 3 (Control of sale and supply of radioactive substances).
Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 34, to leave out from the word "practitioner," to the end of l. 38.—(Major Vernon.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, to leave out li. 7 to 17.—(Major Vernon.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 4 to 10 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 12 to 15 agreed to.
A Clause (Expenses of Ministers)—(Mr. Bevan)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was, accordingly read the third time and passed, with an Amendment.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Joseph Henderson reported from the Nurseries and Child-Minders Regulation [Money]; a Resolution, which was read as followeth:
That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, to provide for the regulation of certain nurseries and of persons who for reward receive children into their homes, 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 grants payable under any other Act 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 Nurseries and Child-Minders Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Registration of nurseries and child-minders).

Amendment proposed in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "or mainly."—(Mr. Peter Roberts.)

Question proposed, That the words "or mainly" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, to leave out the second word "any," and insert the word "the."—(Mr. Law.)

Question, That the word "any" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Penalties for failure to register and for breach of requirements under section two).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 37, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Peter Roberts.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 to 13 agreed to.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.---The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairman), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Frank Anderson Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords].
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill. 

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Allowance for maintenance, repairs, &c.)—(Mr. Glenvil Hall)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Provisions as to National Trust)—(Mr. Glenvil Hall)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Easter offerings to be exempt from income tax)—(Sir Patrick Hannon)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 


Mr. Richard Adams: 215.

Another Clause (Exemption from purchase tax of motor cars for ex-Servicemen and women disabled in the highest degree)—(Sir Ian Fraser)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time: Motion and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Rebate on light oils for agricultural machinery and vehicles)—(Mr. Erroll)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Commander Agnew: 116.

Mr. Collindridge: 238.

Another Clause (Abolition of stamp duty on faculties for Lambeth degrees, &c.)—(Mr. Assheton)—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Preference dividends to be included as capital expenditure for certain purposes)—(Colonel 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 from profits tax where franked investment income not exceeded)—(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.

Another Clause (Surrender of post-war re-funds of income tax in satisfaction of estate duty)—(Colonel Hutchison)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the 

Major Conant: 91.

Mr. Simmons: 229.

Another Clause (Relief from balancing charges for certain cotton spinning concerns)—(Mr. Scott-Elliott)—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 

Major Conant: 76.

Mr. Simmons: 185.

Another Clause (Development charge to be included as capital expenditure for certain purposes)—(Colonel 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 (Arguments to be excluded in certain cases)—(Colonel Hutchison)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
Another Clause (Allowance for capital expenditure in connection with certain buildings subject to war damage)—(Mr. James Hudson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Deduction for excess cost of repairing buildings, &c.)—(Mr. Spearman)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Deficiency of profits during war period)—(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.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Third Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 57, l. 26, col. 2, to leave out "£10 11s. 2d." and insert "£9 11s. 2d."—(Mr. Vane.)

Question, That "£9 11s. 2d." stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Fourth to Seventh Schedules agreed to.

Chairman to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Collindridge.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Collindridge.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker yesterday allocated the Veterinary Surgeons Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Collindridge.)

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 First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Redcar) Bill.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Swanage) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Darlington Corporation Trolley Vehicles (Additional Routes) Provisional Order Bill.

Portsmouth Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the Church of Scotland Trust:—

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 Woodburn presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the William Brown Nimmo Charitable Trust:—

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 Woodburn presented, pursuant National to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copy of an Order, dated 7th June 1948, entitled the National Assistance Act (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant Universities of to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Copy of the College, Oxford, on the 5th day of April 1948, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copy of an Order, dated 7th June 1948, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (National Priority Pigeon Mixture) Order, 1943 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Rules, dated 3rd June 1948, entitled the Non-Contentious Probate Rules, 1948.

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 Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the better administration of the Charity known as the Peabody Donation Fund and to provide for the Incorporation by Statute of the Governors thereof; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of the House.

The Peabody Donation Fund Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Proceedings in Committee on Gas [Money] (No. 2) be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Eighth Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 62, l. 30, to leave out the word "First," and insert the word "Exempt."—(Mr. Piratin.)

Question, That the word "First" stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 62, l. 32, after the word "skin," to insert the words "(other than of rabbit or mole)."—(Mr. Turton.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, 132.
Sir Arthur Young :
Mr. Hannan :

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, 275.
Noes,

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 62, l. 32, to leave out the word "Second," and insert the word "First."—(Mr. Piratin.)

Question, That the word "Second" stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 62, l. 38, to leave out the word "First," and insert the word "Exempt."—(Mr. Piratin.)

Question, That the word "First" stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 63, l. 6, at the end, to insert the words—

"(g) Overalls and Army surplus clothing ... ... Exempt."—(Mr. Turton.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 63, l. 6, after the word "moulders," to insert the words "and boots specially designed for shepherds and farmers."—(Commander Galbraith.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 63, l. 15, after the word "appliances," to insert the words "and surgical supports prescribed by a registered medical practitioner."—(Mr. Asterley Jones.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 63, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words—

"(k) Articles of uniform officially prescribed for the use of Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Wolf Cubs, members of the Church Lads Brigade and such other similar organisations as may from time to time be prescribed ... ... ... Exempt."—(Mr. Fairhurst.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Conant, 123.
Yea, [Major Ramsay :
Mr. Noes, [Mr. Collindridge, 278.
Hannan :

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 63, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words—

"(k) Children's headgear ... Exempt."—(Mr. James Hudson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 64, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words—

"(e) Leather laces ... Exempt."—(Mr. Attewell.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 64, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) Non-utility mattresses, bolsters and pillows ... ... ... First."—(Mr. James Reid.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 64, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) Protective cot sheets made of latex rubber ... ... ... Exempt."—(Sir Wavell Wakefield.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 64, l. 39, to leave out the word "Second," and insert the word "First."—(Colonel Hutchison.)

Question put, That the word "Second" stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow, 283.
Noes, [Mr. George Wallace :
Studholme, 106.
Mr. Major Ramsay :

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 64, l. 47, at the end, to insert the words—

"(vi) Hand woven tweed ... Exempt."—(Sir Basil Venet-Spence.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 67, l. 20, to leave out the words "or gas."—(Mr. A. Jones.)

Question proposed, That the words "or gas" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 68, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words—
"(g) Home canning machines ... Exempt."—(Sir Wavell Wakefield.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 68, l. 28, at the end, to insert the words—
"(d) Articles for domestic use exclusively designed or made for use therewith and batteries and accumulators:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 68, l. 39, at the end, to insert the words—
"(v) Paraffin lamps and their components including vapourizers, pre-heating torches and mantles ... Exempt."—(Mr. Douglas Marshall.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir P. Hannon.)

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 69, l. 9, to leave out the word "Second," and insert the word "First."—(Mr. Piratin.)

Question, That the word "Second" stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 69, l. 15, to leave out the word "Second," and insert the word "First."—(Mr. Carmichael.)

Question proposed, That the word "Second" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 70, to leave out l. 2 to 11, and insert the words—
"Wireless receiving sets of the type designed for domestic use therewith and batteries and accumulators suitable for use with wireless receiving sets of the domestic or portable type, other than dry batteries of not more than six volts ... First."—(Mr. Eccles.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 71, l. 2, to leave out the words "umbrellas and."—(Mr. Niall Macpherson.)

Question, That the words "umbrellas and" stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 72, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words—
"(c) Wall charts and wall pictures of whatever size, whether pictorial or diagrammatic, designed for the express purpose of class instruction in schools and other bona
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Snow, 
Mr. Richard Adams : 
46. 

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 72, l. 24, to leave out the word "Third," and insert the word "Second."—(Lord John Hope.) Question proposed, That the word "Third" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 73, l. 41, at the end, to insert the words—
"(b) Disinfectants and detergents... Exempt."—(Mr. York.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 73, l. 43, at the end, to insert the words—
"(c) Animal medicines ... ... Exempt."—(Mr. Turton.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 74, l. 5, to leave out the word "First," and insert the word "Exempt."—(Mr. Holman.) Question proposed, That the word "First" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to. 

Ninth Schedule agreed to. 

Tenth Schedule amended, and agreed to. 

A Schedule (Special Provisions as to Working Directors)—(Mr. Solicitor General), brought up, and read the first and second time, and added. 

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the 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.

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 Gas (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 Area Gas Boards and a Gas Council and for the exercise and performance by those Boards and that Council of functions relating to the supply of gas, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of compensation to persons employed in or in connection with the examining of gas meters or the testing of gas who suffer loss of employment or other loss in consequence of the said Act.—(Mr. Jay.) 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 do now adjourn. — Adjournment. 
(Mr. Snow.) 

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after Six of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker yesterday appointed Mr. Touche Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Veterinary Surgeons Bill [Lords].

Resolved, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the William Brown Nimmo Charitable Trust (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow. 

The Darlington Corporation Trolley Vehicles (Additional Routes) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Redcar) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Swanage) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.
Portsmouth Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Bevin presented, pursuant to the National Assistance Act, 1948, an Order, dated 8th June 1948, entitled the National Assistance Act (Appointed Day) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Act, 1948, an Order, dated 9th June 1948, entitled the Carrots (1948 Crop) (No. 1) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the National Insurance (Airmen) Regulations, 1948, the National Insurance (Airmen) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of National Insurance, copies of Draft Regulations, entitled—

(1) the National Insurance (Airmen) Regulations, 1948,
(2) the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Airmen) Regulations, 1948,
(3) the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Mariners) Regulations, 1948, and
(4) the National Insurance (Mariners) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of a Report of the National Insurance National Advisory Committee in accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the Draft National Insurance (Airmen) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of National Insurance and the National Insurance Joint Authority in accordance with that Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Reports be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Circular Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had examined the allegations of the Round Oak (Steel Works (Level Crossings)) Bill [Lords], and Bill [Lords], 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 considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bradford) Bill, that they were of the opinion that the said Order ought not to be confirmed; and that they had, therefore, directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.
The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bristol) 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 (Exeter) 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 (Gloucester) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had considered the Order contained in the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Huddersfield) 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 (Macclesfield) 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 (Northampton) 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 (Stockton-on-Tees) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented a Bill to grant money for the purpose of certain local loans out of the Local Loans Fund, and for other purposes relating to local loans: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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. Richard Adams: 729. Mr. Major Ramsay: 114. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Gas [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution; (No. 2). 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 Area Gas Boards and a Gas Council and for the exercise and performance by those Boards and that Council of functions relating to the supply of gas, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of compensation to persons employed in or in connection with the examining of gas meters or the testing of gas who suffer loss of employment or other loss in consequence of the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Gas Bill into consideration the Gas 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
The Question was amended by adding, at the end of the Amendment, the words: "In respect of the Amendments to Clauses Nos. 24, 25, 27, 29, and 30, and Clause No. 58, p. 71, l. 18, and of the new Clause (Compensation to local authorities) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bracken." —[Mr. Bracken.]

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. 15, p. 13; l. 29 and 33, and p. 14, l. 19; Clause No. 24, p. 28, l. 39; Clause No. 25, Clause No. 28, p. 34, l. 39; Clause No. 29, p. 35, l. 32; Clause No. 58, p. 71, l. 18, Clause No. 58, p. 71, l. 21, and of the new Clause (Payments in respect of reserves of composite companies) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Gaitskell—(Mr. Gaitskell;)

The Question was put:—

Ordered, That the Question be now put.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words:—

"(c) if the holder of any such securities shall so require by notice in writing given by him to the Gas Council not less than one month before the vesting date, there shall be paid to him by the Gas Council a sum equal to one half per cent. less than the annual dividend or interest on those securities which shall be made at a date later than the vesting date."

—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yeas,

Tellers for the

Noses,

Mr. Wilkins:

Mr. Studholme,

Noes,

Mr. Major Ramsay:

Mr. Brigadier Mackeson:

93.

91.

Commander Agnew,

Mr. Joseph Henderson,

Mr. Hannah:

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the sixteenth day of February and ending with
the sixteenth day of July, nineteen hundred
and forty-five.”—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Question proposed, That those words be
there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed
Amendment, in l. 2, to leave out from the
beginning to the word “shall,” in l. 4, and
insert the words “any of the said lists.”—
(Mr. Bracken.)

Question put, That the words proposed to
be left out stand part of the proposed Amend-
ment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Yeas,
Mr. George Wallace : 291.
Mr. Studholme : 188.
Tellers for the
Noses,
Brigadier Mackeson : 162.

Another Amendment proposed to the pro-
posed Amendment, in l. 7, to leave out from
the word “the” to the end of the proposed
Amendment, and insert the words “two
months immediately before the date of that
list.”—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre.)

Question put, That the words proposed to
be left out stand part of the proposed Amend-
ment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Yeas,
Mr. Snow : 297.
Mr. George Wallace : 89.
Tellers for the
Noses,
Mr. Studholme : 83.
Brigadier Mackeson : 141.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 45,
to leave out from the beginning to the word
“a,” in l. 46, and insert the words “acquired
them either from the underwriter or from any
person who under-wrote them or placed them
on behalf of the undertaker or, if such holder
is the successor in title of the person who so
acquired them, and is not.”—(Colonel Clarke.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to
be left out stand part of the Clause—
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 17,
after the word “regard,” to insert the words
“to all relevant factors including.”—(Sir Hugh
Lucas-Tooth.)

Question proposed, That those words be
there inserted—Amendment, by leave, with-
drawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Increase of value of securities
suffering loss of revenue from war
causes).

Amendment proposed, in p. 31, l. 20, to leave
out from the beginning to the word “as,” and
insert the words—
“(a) the net revenue of the company as shown
in their audited accounts, was by reason
of any of the causes specified in paragraph
(a) of this subsection, lower in the year
nineteen hundred and forty-three or in
either of the two succeeding years than
in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-
eight, due allowance being made for any
increase in the capital expenditure of the
company; and.”

(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Question put, That the word “and” stand part
of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Yeas,
Mr. Simmons : 238.
Mr. Wilkins : 64.
Tellers for the
Noses,
Commander Agnew : 141.
Mr. Studholme : 83.

Motion made, and Question put, That the
Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave
to sit again.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Thursday, 10th June, 1948:

Tellers for the
Mr. Simmons : 141.
Mr. Wilkins : 55.
Tellers for the
Mr. Studholme : 283.
Brigadier Mackeson : 80.

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.

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 con-
tinued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker
adjourned the House, without a Question
first put, pursuant to the Standing
Order, it being then twenty-three
minutes before One of the clock on
Thursday morning, till this day.

[No. 134.]

Thursday, 10th June, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after
Two of the clock.

Prayers.

The Church of Scotland Trust (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to
Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Bristol) 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 (Exeter) 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 (Huddersfield) 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 (Stockton-on-Tees) 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 William Brown Nimmo Charitable Trust (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Gloucester) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Shrewsbury) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Twenty-sixth Day (the 18th day of March 1948).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eds presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Pensions (Increase) Act (Extension) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Local Government Superannuation Schemes Amendment Regulations, 1948.
Copy of an Order, dated 10th June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Modification of Local Government Superannuation Schemes) Amendment Regulations, 1948.
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 9th June 1948, entitled the Emergency Powers (Defence) Road Vehicles and Drivers (Amendment) Order, 1948.
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 A: Mr. Boothby, Mr. Elliot, and Mr. Douglas Marshall; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Clifton-Brown, Captain Crookshank, and Sir Thomas Dugdale.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following twenty Members to Standing Committee A in respect of the Veterinary Surgeons Bill (Lords): Mr. Attewell, Sir John Barlow, Mr. Bowen, Mr. George Brown, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Gilzean, Mr. Hicks, Mr. HUD, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Linstead, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Paget, Mr. Peart, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Price, Brigadier Rayner, Mr. Gerald Williams, Mr. Thomas Williams, Major Wise and Mr. York.

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. Simons, Mr. Wilkins:
Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant, Major Ramsay:
113. 292.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Gas (re-committed) Bill.

Clause No. 25 (Increase of value of securities of companies suffering loss of revenue from war causes).

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 28 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 29 (Compensation to composite companies).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 36, l. 44, at the end, to insert the words—

"(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of any enactment a composite company shall have power to hold any British Gas Stock issued to them under the provisions of this section, and, at their discretion, to sell the same or any part thereof, and reinvest some or all of the proceeds of any such sale."—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Joseph Henderson : } 293.  
{Tellers for the Sir Arthur Young, } 113.  
Noes, { Major Conant : }  
Clause No. 58 amended and agreed to.

A Clause (Payments in respect of reserves of composite companies) (Mr. Gattrell)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Consumers Councils) (Mr. Peter Roberts); 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 (Consumers Councils) (Mr. Peter Roberts); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 4, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(b) to extend supplies of gas to persons requiring such supplies in urban and rural areas."—(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 Amendments were made to the Bill.

Mr. Speaker returned to the House, and resumed the Chair.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 26, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(c) one member from the workers engaged in the gas industry of the area concerned to be elected by ballot of all those employed in the gas industry of that area."—(Mr. Granville.)

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. Byers: } 5.  
{Tellers for the Mr. Wadsworth: }  
Noes, { Mr. Simmons: } 240.  
Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair.

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. 6, l. 37, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " for a period of not less than forty days before the making of the Order referring to that map."—(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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 13, by inserting, after the word "such," the word "written."—(Colonel Clarke.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "written" be there inserted;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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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. 10, l. 2, by inserting,
after the word "him," the words "after giving to the Area Board an opportunity to make representations."—(Mr. Raikes.)

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. 34, l. 40, by leaving out the words "him," the words "after giving to the Area Board an opportunity to make representations."—(Mr. Raikes.)

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. 38, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "as soon as practicable after the receipt of the last report referred to in this subsection."—(Mr. Raikes.)

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. 42, by inserting, after the word "Act," the words "and any transfer of property from an Area Board or the Gas Council to any other person effected after the word "employee," the words "or a director who before being appointed as a director was employed whole-time by an undertaker to whom this Part of this Act applies."—(Mr. Raikes.)

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. 18, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "as soon as practicable after the receipt of the last report referred to in this subsection."—(Mr. Raikes.)

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. 23, l. 1, by inserting, after the word "may," the words "be 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. 23, l. 1, by inserting, after the word "may," the words "be 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. 38, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "as soon as practicable after the receipt of the last report referred to in this subsection."—(Mr. Raikes.)

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. 38, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "as soon as practicable after the receipt of the last report referred to in this subsection."—(Mr. Raikes.)

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. 52, l. 30, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not apply to any payment approved by the Minister, whether before or after the making of the payment, being a payment made in pursuance of a recommendation of the directors of the company made on or before the said twenty-third day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight."—(Mr. Gattshill.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 6, by leaving out the words "said twenty-third day of January," and inserting the words "tenth day of June"—(Mr. Elliot)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,
Yeas, 187.
Tellers for the Mr. Richard Adams:
Noes, 33.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 38, l. 18, by inserting, after the word "forty-eight," the words "or such other rate as may be approved by the Minister."—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre.)

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. 51, l. 30, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not apply to any payment approved by the Minister, whether before or after the making of the payment, being a payment made in pursuance of a recommendation of the directors of the company made on or before the said twenty-third day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight."—(Mr. Gattshill.)

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Yeas, 187.
Tellers for the Mr. Richard Adams:
Noes, 33.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—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. 11, l. 41, by inserting, after the word "employee," the words "or a director who before being appointed as a director was employed whole-time by an undertaker to whom this Part of this Act applies."—(Mr. Raikes.)

And the Question being proposed, 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. Conant,
Yeas, 46.
Tellers for the Mr. Ramsay:
Noes, 201.

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. 52, l. 30, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that the stock issued for the purposes of satisfying any right to compensation which, under any provision of this Act, is expressly required to be satisfied by the issue of stock shall be redeemed not less than twenty nor more than fifty years after the date of issue thereof."—(Mr. Pitman.)

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, 187.
Tellers for the Mr. Studholme:
Noes, 33.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 51, l. 30, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that the stock issued for the purposes of satisfying any right to compensation which, under any provision of this Act, is expressly required to be satisfied by the issue of stock shall be redeemed not less than twenty nor more than fifty years after the date of issue 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;—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,
Yeas, 187.
Tellers for the Mr. Richard Adams:
Noes, 33.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 38, l. 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not apply to any payment approved by the Minister, whether before or after the making of the payment, being a payment made in pursuance of a recommendation of the directors of the company made on or before the said twenty-third day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight."—(Mr. Gattshill.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 6, by leaving out the words "said twenty-third day of January," and inserting the words "tenth day of June"—(Mr. Elliot)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,
Yeas, 187.
Tellers for the Mr. Richard Adams:
Noes, 33.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

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"Provided that the stock issued for the purposes of satisfying any right to compensation which, under any provision of this Act, is expressly required to be satisfied by the issue of stock shall be redeemed not less than twenty nor more than fifty years after the date of issue 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;—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Drew,
Yeas, 187.
Tellers for the Mr. Studholme:
Noes, 33.

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. 55, l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words-

"(2) All investments vested in any Area Board, or in the Gas Council, by virtue of this Act, if they are trustee securities shall be transferred to and be held on account of the central guarantee fund and, if they are not trustee securities, shall be sold and the proceeds of sale transferred to the said fund and re-invested in trustee securities."——(Mr. Digby.)

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. 68, l. 3, by inserting, after the word " applies," the words "or by any national association."——(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. 77, l. 1, by leaving out from the word " connivance " to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge,

Yeas, Mr. Wilkins ;]

155.

Tellers for the [Mr. Drewe,

Noes, Mr. Studholme ;]

24.

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. 80, l. 6, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " and if any person hinders such officer as aforesaid from entering and making such inspection or ascertainment as is authorised he shall, by this paragraph, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds."——(Mr. Gaitskell.)

And the Question being put, That the words " normally " be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge,

Yeas, Mr. George Wallace ;]

149.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme,

Noes, Major Ramsay ;]

24.

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. 80, l. 23, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " for the purpose (in the case of a company) of being laid before the company in general meeting."——(Mr. Gaitskell.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

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The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge,

Yeas, Mr. Wilkins ;]

150.

Tellers for the [Mr. Drewe,

Noes, Mr. Studholme ;]

24.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 80, l. 25, by inserting, after the word " are," the word " normally."——(Mr. Gaitskell.)

And the Question being put, That the word " normally " be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge,

Yeas, Mr. Richard Adams ;]

149.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme,

Noes, Major Ramsay ;]

24.

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. 80, l. 10, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " interim dividend " includes any dividend paid by an undertaker to whom Part II of this Act applies in respect of any such part of a financial year as ends before the end of the financial year."——(Mr. Gaitskell.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge,

Yeas, Mr. George Wallace ;]

146.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme,

Noes, Major Ramsay ;]

24.

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. 93, l. 27, by leaving out from the word " shall " to the word " be," in line 28.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

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. 99, l. 26, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " and if any person hinders such officer as aforesaid from entering and making such inspection or ascertainment as is authorised he shall, by this paragraph, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds."——(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time; and be printed.
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 on Thursday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eleven minutes before Nine of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Egham Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Whitstable Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Gloucester) 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 (Shrewsbury) 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. 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 March 1948, amending the Statutes of the University. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Development of Inventions Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Wilson, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Development of Inventions [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 establish a national corporation for securing the development and exploitation of inventions it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of amounts paid by any Minister to the said Corporation in respect of any loss or estimated loss from the carrying out by the corporation of any project in response to representations made by a Government department;

(b) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required to enable the Board of Trade to make advances to the said corporation within the following limit, namely that the aggregate amount outstanding in respect of such advances shall not at any time exceed five million pounds;

(c) the waiver by the Board of Trade of interest on advances made to the said corporation;

(d) the raising under the National Loans Act, 1939, of any money required for the purpose of providing any sums to be issued as aforesaid or for the replacement thereof;

(e) the payment into the Exchequer of sums received by the Board of Trade in respect of advances made to the said corporation, and the issue of such sums out of the Consolidated Fund and the application of such sums, in so far as they represent principal in redemption or repayment of debt, and in so far as they represent interest in payment of interest otherwise falling to be paid out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.—

(Mr. Wilson.)

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 Companies Bill [Lords] was, according Companies Bill to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Richard Adams.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories Bill Second Reading of the Factories Bill [Lords]; [Lords].

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Richard Adams.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration: The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee: The House further resolved, That the said Committee have power to report the said Bill, as amended, to the House on Tuesday next.

A Clause (Superannuation rights of contributory employees in England and Wales) was offered to be added to the Bill (Use of motor vehicles for conveying electors to poll) (Mr. Secretary Ede): and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Simmons; Mr. Wilkie:
Tellers for the Noes: Brigadier Mackeson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House divided.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the new Clause (Superannuation rights of contributory-employees in England and Wales) standing on the Notice Paper in the names of Mr. Secretary Ede and Mr. Burden.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Ain the Committee.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the House in respect of the new Clause (Superannuation rights of contributory-employees in England and Wales) standing on the Notice Paper in the names of Mr. Secretary Ede and Mr. Burden.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the new Clause (Superannuation rights of contributory-employees in England and Wales) standing on the Notice Paper in the names of Mr. Secretary Ede and Mr. Burden.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Simmons, Mr. Wilkie:
Tellers for the Noes: Brigadier Mackeson.

So 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 1. 2, by inserting, after the word “parliamentary,” the words “or local government.”—(Mr. George Porter.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Clause:—

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 20, by inserting, after the word “household,” the words “or any person in his employment or the husband or wife of such person.”—(Mr. Turton.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Clause:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 41, by leaving out the word "fifteen," and inserting the word "five"—(Mr. Manningham-Buller), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "fifteen" stand part of the proposed Clause;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Snow,
Yea, Mr. George Wallace : 271.
Tellers for the Mr. Studholme
Noes, Mr. Studholme : 108.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 42, by leaving out the words "twenty-five hundred," and inserting the word "thousand"—(Mr. Keeling), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "twenty-five hundred" stand part of the proposed Clause;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Snow
Yea, Mr. Wilkins : 276.
Tellers for the Mr. Studholme
Noes, Major Conant : 108.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The proposed Clause was amended, in l. 43, by leaving out paragraph (c)—(Mr. Peake), and, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Hours of poll at local government elections in Scotland)—(Mr. Thomas Fraser)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Register for university constituencies)—(Mr. Peake); 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 thereon—

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 Tuesday morning;

**Tuesday, 15th June, 1948:**

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,
Yea, Mr. Richard Adams : 216.
Tellers for the Mr. Studholme
Noes, Brigadier Mackeson : 91.

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,
Yea, Major Conant : 88.
Tellers for the Mr. Pearson
Noes, Mr. Richard Adams : 277.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That further Consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Simmons.)

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. Simmons.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

**14th—15th June. 1948.**

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.:—

Peabody Donation Fund Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Motion being made, That the Egham Urban District Council 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.

The Whitstable Urban District Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Salford Corporation Bill (Lords) was read a second time, and committed.

The West Riding County Council (General Powers) Bill (Lords) was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Glencoe Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th June 1948, entitled the Superannuation (War Service) Regulations, 1948.

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 12th June 1948, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948,
(2) the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, and
(3) the National Health Service (Medical and Pharmaceutical Service Committees and Tribunal) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948. 
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled Colonial Empire, 1947–48. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 14th June 1948, entitled—
(1) the Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 12) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Miscellaneous Haberdashery (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948. 
Copy of an Order, dated 14th June 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Gardener Raincoats) (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948. 
Copy of a Licence, dated 14th June 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Gloves) Licence, 1948. 
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th June 1948, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (Transfer of property and liabilities of Insurance Committees, &c.) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) the National Health Service (Executive Councils and Dental Estimates Board) Financial Regulations, 1948. 
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th June 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Transfer of Property and Officers and Compensation to Officers) Regulations, 1948. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— 
Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 10th June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Overlapping Benefits) Provisional Regulations, 1948. 
Copy of Regulations, dated 15th June 1948, entitled—
(1) the National Insurance (Widows' Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Medical Certification) Regulations, 1948. 
Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement made by the National Insurance Joint Authority and the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act. 
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Reports 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 Petitions have been presented against—
(1) the London-Carlisle-Glasgow-Inverness Trunk Road (Derbyshire) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. 25), 1947, and
(2) the Merthyr Slip Road between Trunk Roads A 470 and A 495 (Glamorgan) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. 1), 1947. 
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., have leave to instruments, &c., the Minutes of their further Proceedings.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Minutes of their further Proceedings. 
Ordered, That the said Minutes 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. 
 Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. George Wallace: 280. 
 Tellers for the Noes, Brigadier Mackeson: 98. 
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-committal.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by inserting, after the word " is," the words--

"(a) the City of London constituency shall be those resident there or who possess, in accordance with Part II of this Act, a non-resident qualification there; and

(b)"

—(Sir Andrew Duncan.)

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, Noes. 111.

Brigadier Macheson ; Mr. Popplewell ; Mr. Richard Adams ;

Yeas. 269.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 4, by leaving out "613," and inserting "618"—(Mr. Peake),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "613" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes. 278.

Mr. Hannan ; Mr. Commander Agnew,

Yeas. 127.

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. 8, l. 36, by leaving out the words " in the absence of special circumstances."—(Mr. Amory.)

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. 4, l. 4, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

" Provided that where it is found, on scrutiny, that the number of ballot papers not bearing the official mark would be sufficient to entitle an otherwise unsuccessful candidate to be declared elected the election should be declared invalid."—(Mr. Ross.)

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. 36, by leaving out from the word " section " to the word " may," in l. 37.—(Mr. Peake.)

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. 42, l. 37, by leaving out from the word " sixteen " to the second word " and," in l. 38, and inserting the words " except in so far as it relates to bands of music, torches, flags and banners"—(Mr. Younger),—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 by inserting, after the word " music," the words " other than music reproduced by gramophone records."—

—(Mr. Peake.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 56, l. 12, by leaving out the words " that provided by," and inserting the words " the same throughout England and Wales and shall be fixed for each year by the Secretary of State in accordance with "—(Mr. Warbey),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words " that provided by " 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. 118, by leaving out ll. 22 to 40, and inserting the words—


20. Leeds South-West The Bramley, Farnley and Wortley and Upper Armley wards of the county borough of Leeds."

—(Mr. Secretary Ede),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill:

The proposed words were amended, in l. 7, col. 1, by leaving out the word " East-Central," and inserting the word " North-East " in l. 11, col. 1, by leaving out the word " North-East," and inserting the word " North " in l. 25, col. 1, by leaving out the word " South-West," and inserting the word " West "—
Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copies of Regulations, dated 15th June 1948,
entitled—
(1) the Goods Vehicles (Operating Centre) Regulations, 1948,
(2) the Road Haulage Undertakings (Notice of Acquisition, etc.) Regulations, 1948, and
(3) the Road Haulage Undertakings (Payment of Compensation) Regulations, 1948.
Copy of a Report to the Minister of Transport Lighthouses, &c., by the Corporation of Trinity House of their Inspection of Local Lighthouses, &c., in 1947.
 Copies of Regulations, dated 11th June 1948,
entitled—
(1) the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copies of Regulations,—
(1) dated 15th June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (General Benefit) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) dated 16th June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Regulations, 1948.
Copy of Regulations, dated 15th June 1948,
entitled the National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, 1948.
Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance (Contributions during Holidays) Regulations, 1948 (now included in the National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, 1948), preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act.
Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act.
Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance (General Benefit) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement made by the National Insurance Joint Authority and the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act.
Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement made by the National Insurance Joint Authority in accordance with that Act.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Reports be printed.
The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the South Lancashire Transport 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Cromer Urban District Council Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: 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 Warwick Corporation Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers on the Cumberland County Council and local authorities in relation to the local government improvement and health of the County of Cumberland; to provide for the protection and improvement of certain streams in the county; to make provision for the finance of the county; and for other purposes; 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 Statute Law Revision Bill be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament on Consolidation Bills; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Cumberland County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the Gas Bill. Third Reading of the Gas 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. Elliot.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being National Assistance proposed, That the Draft National Assistance (Determination of Need) Regulations, 1948, dated 28th May 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 31st day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Steel);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 17th June, 1948:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Draft National Assistance (Determination of Need) Regulations, 1948, dated 28th May 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 31st day of May last, be approved.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of the provisions of section four of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944, praying that the Pensions (Increase) Act (Extension) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 10th day of this instant June.—(Mr. Younger.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Simmons.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes before Two of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Insurance. Copies of Regulations, dated 16th June 1948, entitled—

(1) the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) the National Insurance (Sickness Benefit, Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Transitional) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of a Report of the National Insurance National Advisory Committee in accordance with sub-section 4 of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, pursuant to Post Office, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Warrant, dated 17th June 1948, entitled the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Ropner reported from Standing Committee B, that they had gone through the Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) 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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Burden reported from Standing Committee C, that they had gone through the Children Bill (Lords), and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Veterinary Surgeons Bill [Lords]): Mr. Hicks; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Stubbs.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee B, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Granville and Mr. Lyttelton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bowen, Mr. Douglas Marshall and Commander Noble.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee C, that they had discharged the following Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Development of Inventions Bill [Lords]): Mr. Richard Adams, Mr. Bechman, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Benson, Mr. Blackburn, Mr.
Standing Committee on
Scottish Bills.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Com-
mittee, That they had added the following fif-
eteen Members to the Standing Committee
on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Scottish
Estimates) : Captain Baird, Mr. Bechervaise,
Mr. Delangy, Mr. Albert Evans, Mr. Farthing,
Mr. Glanville, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Kinley, Mr.
Leslie, Mr. McKay, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Moody,
Mr. Edward Porter, Mr. Scott-Elliot and Mr.
Harry Wallace.

Business of the
House (Supply).

Mr. Wilson, supported by Mr. Chancellor of
the Exchequer and Mr. Bottomley, presented a
Bill to amend the Export Guarantees Act, 1939,
and the Export Guarantees Act, 1945, by
increasing the limits on the liability which may
be undertaken by guarantees given under
section one of the first-mentioned Act or
section two of the second-mentioned Act :
And the same was ordered to be read a second
time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That this day Business other than
the Business of Supply may be taken before
Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Supply be
discharged from considering the Estimates set
out hereunder, and that the said Estimates be
referred to the Standing Committee on Scottish
Bills—
Class IV., Vote 13—Public Education, Scot-
land.
Class III., Vote 15—Approved Schools,
Scotland.
Class V., Vote 13—Department of Health
for Scotland.
Class V., Vote 14—National Health Service,
Scotland.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved
itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.
Class VI.
Vote 1. Board of Trade.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That
a sum, not exceeding £7,031,730, 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 1949, 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.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put,
That Subhead A.1, Salaries, &c., be reduced
by £1,000.—(Mr. Lloyd.)
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Commander Agnew,
Mr. Stuthome :} 105.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Collardridge,
Mr. Withins :} 239.

Original Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question,
That the Chairman do report Progress, and
ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Snow),—put, and
agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ;
and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the
Committee had made Progress in the matter
to them referred ; and that he was directed
to move, That the Committee may have leave
to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Cinematograph Films (Quota}s Order, 1948, dated 11th June 1948, a Films
copy of which was presented on the 14th day
of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr.
Wilson.)

Mr. Simmons reported from the Committee for
Development of Inventions [Money], a of Inventions
Resolution ; which was read, as follows:

That for the purposes of any Act of the
present Session to establish a national corpora-
tion for securing the development and ex-
ploration of inventions it is expedient to
authorise—
(a) the payment out of moneys provided by
Parliament of amounts paid by any
Minister to the said corporation in respect
of any loss or estimated loss from the
carrying out by the corporation of any
project in response to representations made
by a Government department ;
(b) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund
of sums required to enable the Board of
Trade to make advances to the said
corporation within the following limit,
namely that the aggregate amount out-
standing in respect of such advances
shall not at any time exceed five million
pounds ;
(c) the waiver by the Board of Trade of
interest on advances made to the said
corporation ;
(d) the raising under the National Loans
Act, 1939, of any money required for the
purpose of providing any sums to be
issued as aforesaid or for the replacement
thereof ;
(e) the payment into the Exchequer of sums
received by the Board of Trade in respect
of advances made to the said
corporation, and the issue of such sums out
of the Consolidated Fund and the application
of such sums, in so far as they represent
principal in redemption or repayment of
debt, and in so far as they represent
interest in payment of interest otherwise
falling to be paid out of the permanent
annual charge for the National Debt.

The said Resolution, being read a second
time, was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment
proposed, That this House do now adjourn
(Mr. Joseph Henderson) ;—And a Debate arising
thereupon ;
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 18th June, 1948:

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 Standing Order, it being then four minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker yesterday appointed Mr. Bowles Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords] in place of Mr. Frank Anderson.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker yesterday appointed Mr. Butcher Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Development of Inventions Bill.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker yesterday appointed Sir Charles MacAndrew Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Scottish Estimates referred to that Committee.

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Friday, 18th June, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Newport County Borough Council and approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in the matter of the property transferable to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Newport under the Welsh Church Acts, 1914 to 1945.

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 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 1948, namely, the Dundee Corporation Order, the Dundee Harbour and Tay Ferries 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. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, on the 15th day of April 1948, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Benyon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—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. Ashford and District Superannuation Joint Committee.
2. Lympington Town Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords has been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the William Brown Nimmo Charitable Trust (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Church of Scotland Trust (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the University of Sheffield (Lands) Bill, with Amendments; to the University of Sheffield (Lands) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Ascot Race Course Bill, with Amendments; to the Ascot Race Course Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the White Fish and Herring Industries Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill was, Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

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, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Industrial Assurance and
Friendly Entry 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.

Companies Bill (Lords).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Companies Bill (Lords).

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 462 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 18 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the first Amendment in p. 5, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The first Lords Amendment in p. 5, l. 12, after (" inadequacy ") insert (" or unsuitability "), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The second Lords Amendment in p. 5, l. 12, leave out from (" clothing ") to (" to ") in l. 14, 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. 5, l. 17, after (" sufficiently ") insert (" and suitably "), 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. 5, l. 18, leave out from (" clad ") to (" while "), 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. 5, l. 37, after (" inadequacy ") insert (" or unsuitability "), 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. 5, l. 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 5, l. 37, after (" sufficiently ") insert (" and suitably "), 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 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 so much of the Lords Message of the 16th day of this instant June as communicates the Resolution, That it is desirable that the Statute Law Revision Bill be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament on Consolidation Bills, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

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. Joseph Henderson.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Henderson): And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE South Lancashire Transport Bill South Lancashire Transport 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 Peabody Donation Fund Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

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 Rural District of Glendale, (2) the Urban District of Halesworth, (3) the Borough of Rye, (4) the Rural District of Walsingham, and (5) the Urban District of Wellington (Salop).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Monday, 21st June, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board for 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 18th June 1948, entitled—

(1) the Laundry (Maximum Charges) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Sewing Cottons and Threads (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1948, entitled the Newsprint (Prices) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 17th June 1948, entitled the Utility Furniture (Supply and Acquisition) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1948.


Copy of Regulations, dated 18th June 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Erection of Industrial Buildings) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

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 Registrar-General's Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1943 (New Annual Series, No. 23), Tables, Part I, Medical.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1948, entitled the Control of Building Operations (No. 11) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th June 1948, entitled—

(1) the National Insurance (Unemployment Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) (Transitional) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copies of Regulations, dated 18th June 1948, entitled—

(1) the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with Section 41 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the payment of Guardian's Allowances where the marriage of a child's parents has been terminated by divorce or the child's parents, or one of them, cannot be traced.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (Standing Committees) (added, in respect of the Development of Committee C; Inventions Bill [Lords]): Mr. Benson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Lewis.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Messengers had been brought from the Lords by the Earl of Mansfield, one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Agriculture (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by Agriculture (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Fundamentals (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Limitation of liability of trustees)—(Mr. Solicitor General) the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That further consideration of the proposed Clause be postponed till the consideration of the Clauses of the Bill has been completed—(Captain Crosthwaite);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson. Mr. Richard Adams; Mr. Hannan: Mr. Benson;

Brigadier Mackeson: 102.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the proposed Clause was amended, in line 9, by leaving out the word "may," and inserting the word "shall."—(Mr. Solicitor General)—instead thereof; and, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Forfeiture for breach of certain conditions)—(Mr. Solicitor General); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Richard Adams: Mr. Pearson; Mr. Hannan;

Brigadier Mackeson: 102.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was accordingly read a second time; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Relief where capital subject to death duties)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Nationalisation Stock as satisfaction...
for special contribution)—(Mr. Peter Roberts); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the\footnotesize \textit{Major Conant}, \footnotesize \textit{Yeas}; \footnotesize \textit{Major Ramsay}, \footnotesize \textit{Noes}.
\footnotesize 104. \footnotesize 223.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Refund of Special Contribution in certain cases)—(Mr. Vane); 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\footnotesize \textit{Mr. Studholme}, \footnotesize \textit{Yeas}; \footnotesize \textit{Major Ramsay}, \footnotesize \textit{Noes}.
\footnotesize 86. \footnotesize 234.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exemption of certain income from profits tax)—(Sir John Mellor); 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 (Development charges)—(Sir Peter Bennett); 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 (Income tax allowances after transfer of road transport undertakings to British Transport Commission)—(Mr. Peter Roberts); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the\footnotesize \textit{Brigadier Mackeson}, \footnotesize \textit{Yeas}; \footnotesize \textit{Mr. Snow}, \footnotesize \textit{Noes}.
\footnotesize 87. \footnotesize 236.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Superannuation funds)—(Sir Peter Bennett); 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 (Rebate of duty for flying clubs)—(Sir Peter Macdonald); 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\footnotesize \textit{Mr. Hannan}, \footnotesize \textit{Yeas}; \footnotesize \textit{Mr. George Wallace}, \footnotesize \textit{Noes}.
\footnotesize 98. \footnotesize 244.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exemption from profits tax for certain professions)—(Mr. Niall Macpherson); 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. 12, l. 22, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(d) if the receptacle is used for carrying inflammable liquids and is not permanently attached to the vehicle provided that such vehicle is from time to time used without such receptacle in the ordinary course of business."

—(Mr. Challen.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel Orders) and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wigan, which was presented on the 31st day of May last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Order Gas (Special proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel Orders) and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of St. Helens, which was presented on the 31st day of May last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 22nd June, 1948.

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 15th day of this Instant June, relative to Pensions, 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 Pensions [Increase] Act (Extension) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, viz.:

Cumberland County Council Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Fire at Richmond, Surrey (4th September 1947).

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report of an Inquiry by Alfred J. Long, Esquire, K.C., into the Fire at the Premises of Alfred Harris and Company, Ltd., at Townshend Terrace, Richmond, Surrey, on the 4th day of September, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Health (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st June 1948, entitled the Public Health (Venereal Diseases) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Post Office Savings Bank.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of all Deposits received and paid during 1947, together with Statement showing the aggregate Amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Depositors in the Post Office Savings Banks on the 31st day of December 1947, and the Nature and Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners to meet those Liabilities at that date.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Supplies and Services (Raw Materials).

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 in the period from the 1st day of April 1947 to the 31st day of March 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to Air the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd June 1948, entitled the Air Navigation (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. George Strauss presented, pursuant to Supplies and Services (Raw Materials),—Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1948, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 65) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to Forestry. to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Byelaws with regard to Glenmore National Forest Park.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Beckenham Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the National directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Modification of the Aberdeen Harbour Superannuation Scheme) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1948, entitled the Preserves Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of regulations, dated 22nd June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Unemployment Insurance Special Schemes) Regulations, 1948. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bowles reported from Standing Committee B. That they had gone through the Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto. 
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.
Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Coventry 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 Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the Order contained in the Darlington Corporation Trolley Vehicle (Additional Routes) 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Redcar) 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Swanage) 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Swanage) 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 Lords have agreed to the Cardiff Corporation (Extension of Time) Bill, without any Amendment. 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth: 
The Lords have agreed to the Cardiff Corporation (Extension of Time) Bill, without any Amendment. 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Finance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee. 
Another Amendment was made to the Bill. 
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 24, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 21, by leaving out ll. 32 to 41.—(Mr. Turton.)
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Hannan] {287.}
Yees, {Mr. Hannan:} {287.}
Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Major Conant:} {108.}
Noes, {Mr. Hannan:} {282.}
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 25, l. 18, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "or in the case of property transferred to the British Transport Commission under Part III (Transport of Goods by Road) of the Transport Act, 1947, the liability remains the liability of the transferor."—(Mr. Peter 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. Studdholme, Major Conant:} {96.}
Yees, {Mr. Hannan:} {282.}
Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Hannan] {287.}
Noes, {Mr. Hannan:} {282.}
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 27, l. 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and for the purposes of this Part of this Act expenses of travelling between such place as a director or person employed in an employment to which this Part of this Act applies may elect as constituting his principal place of business and any other place at which his duties require him to attend as a director or employee whether of the same or of any other body corporate shall be deemed to be money expended wholly, exclusively and necessarily in performing the duties of the office or employment."—(Mr. Ashbhton.)
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. 23, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(3) The Income Tax (Employments) Act, 1943, and the Income Tax (Offices and Employees) Act, 1944 (which provide that tax shall be deducted from certain emoluments by the persons paying them), shall not apply to any sum which, by virtue only of the provisions of this section, falls to be treated as a perquisite of business or mainly of fur skin ... Second articles comprised in paragraph (d) of Group 5 in the said Part I, paper handkerchiefs and paper towels, ... Second articles comprised in sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (b) of Group 11 in the said Part I, Second articles comprised in paragraph (r) of Group 11 in the said Part I, ... First appliances comprised in paragraph (b) of Group 12 in the said Part I, being appliances suitable for operation from gas mains ... Third articles comprised in paragraph (d) of Group 14 in the said Part I, other than glass chimneys and similar primary glasses ... First articles comprised in sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) of Group 17 in the said Part I or in sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (b) of that group or in sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (c) of that Group ... Second articles comprised in paragraph (a) of Group 18 in the said Part I ... Second"

—(Mr. Jay.)
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 leaving out ll. 39 to 41.—(Mr. Eccles.)
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Mr. Richard Adams]: {256.}
Yees, [Mr. Richard Adams]: {256.}
Tellers for the [Sir Arthur Young, Major Conant:} {129.}
Noes, [Major Conant:} {129.}
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 32, by leaving out from the word " to " to the word " any," in l. 33.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Richard Adams]: {262.}
Yees, [Mr. Richard Adams]: {262.}
Tellers for the [Sir Arthur Young, Major Ramnay:} {142.}
Noes, [Major Ramnay:} {142.}
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
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Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 34, l. 15, by inserting, after the word "exceed," the words "three-quarters of."—(Mr. Eccles.)

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. 34, l. 26, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and in the case of an individual whose total income for the said year included earned income the contribution shall not exceed the amount of contribution which but for the existence of such earned income would have been chargeable by an amount greater than the amount of such earned income less the income tax including surtax appropriate thereto on the footing that such earned income is regarded as the highest part of the individual’s total income."—(Mr. Eccles.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill; The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Drew, Mr. Studholme: 107.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 285.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 35, l. 34, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(d) such amount of income from agricultural land within the meaning of the Income Tax Act, 1945, as is equal to ten per cent. of the gross income from such land where the person in receipt of such income manages such land himself and does not employ any other person, otherwise than for the purpose of rendering clerical assistance, in the management thereof, or, where the person in receipt of such income manages such land and in addition employs another person for purposes other than rendering clerical assistance in the management thereof, ten per cent. of the gross income from such land less any sums paid to such other person:"

—(Mr. Turton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill; The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Studholme, Major Conant: 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 287.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 35, l. 39, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(4) Where in pursuance of any scheme for reconstruction or amalgamation a company is wound up, any income of the company which pursuant to subsection (4) of section thirty-one of the Finance Act, 1927, is deemed to be the income of the members of the company for the purposes of surtax but is not distributed to them, shall not be deemed to be investment income for the purpose of this Part of this Act."—(Mr. Donovan.)

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. 35, l. 43, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that where investment income from any capital asset be shown to the satisfaction of the Special Commissioners to exceed ten per cent. of present value of the said asset, no contribution shall be payable on the excess."—(Mr. Pitman.)

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. 36, l. 2, by leaving out from the word "persons" to the word "shall," in l. 3, and inserting the words "for valuable and sufficient consideration"—(Mr. Stanley),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Popplewell, Yeas, Mr. Richard Adams: 275.

Tellers for the Major Conant, Noes, Brigadier Mackson: 105.

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. 55, l. 41, by leaving out Clause No. 73.—(Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 84, l. 6, by inserting, after the word "director," the words "or employee."—(Mr. Oliver Poole.)

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. 84, l. 7, by leaving out the words "private company," and inserting the words "company the directors whereof have a controlling interest therein"—(Sir Peter Bennett),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "private company" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 84, l. 13 to 34.—(Mr. Oliver Poole.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—

And the House having continued to sit till after T. v. o'clock on Wednesday morning:
Resolved, That the Draft National Insurance (Married Women) Regulations, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 7th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. James Griffiths.)

Resolved, That the Draft National Insurance (Extension of Unemployment Benefit) Regulations, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 2nd day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. James Griffiths.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes before Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ascot Race Course Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the University of Sheffield (Lands) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Resolved, 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 Darlington Corporation Trolley Vehicles (Additional Routes) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Redcar) 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Swanage) 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.

PRAYERS.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ascot Race Course Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the University of Sheffield (Lands) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Resolved, 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.

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Mr. GLENWIL HALL presented, pursuant to the directions of an act of parliament.—Copy of the seventy-third annual report of the public works loan board (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948).

Ordered, that the said paper do lie upon the table.

Mr. Secretary BEVIN presented, by his majesty’s command.—Copy of a trade and finance agreement between his majesty’s government in the united kingdom and the government of the union of soviet socialistic republics (with appendices), signed at moscow on the 27th day of december 1947.

Ordered, that the said paper do lie upon the table.

Mr. Secretary BEVIN presented, by his majesty’s command.—Copy of an order in council, dated 22nd june 1948, approving an admiraltry memorial sanctioning the abolition of the warrant officers mess.

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 21st june 1948, authorising the landing of one indian black buck from H.M.T. “SYTHIA” at liverpool.

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 17th june 1948, entitled the london traffic (prescribed routes) (no. 9).

Ordered, that the said papers do lie upon the table.

Mr. Secretary BEVIN presented, by his majesty’s command.—Copy of regulations, dated 19th june 1948, entitled the stopping up of highways (concurrent proceedings) regulations, 1948.

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 provisional regulations, dated 23rd june 1948, entitled the national insurance (guardian’s allowances) provisional regulations, 1948.

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 portsmouth area (conservation of water) order, 1948.

Ordered, that the said paper do lie upon the table.

The following paper, pursuant to the directions of an act of parliament, was laid upon the table by the clerk of the house:

Copy of rules, dated 22nd june 1948, entitled the summary jurisdiction (mental deficiency) rules, 1948.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the house, that a message from the lords.

The lords have passed a bill, intituled, an act to confer further powers upon the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the borough of brighton with respect to the acquisition and use of lands; to provide that certain private enclosures in the borough and other lands shall become public pleasure grounds; to make further provision with respect to the water undertaking of the said mayor aldermen and burgesses and with respect to the health local government improvement and finance of the borough; and for other purposes; to which the lords desire the concurrence of this house.

The brighton corporation bill [lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, that the bill be referred to the examiners of petitions for private bills.

The order of the day being read, for the third reading of the representation of the people bill;

And a motion being made, and the question being proposed, that the bill be now read the third time;

An amendment was proposed to be made to the question, by leaving out from the word “that,” to the end of the question, and adding the words “this house, while recognising the necessity for an equitable scheme of redistribution, declines to give a third reading to a bill which repudiates agreed recommendations of Mr. Speaker’s Conference, 1944, and disregards for the purpose of party advantage the findings of the Boundary Commission, thereby bringing discredit on Ministers of the Crown and lowering the traditional standards of our public life”—(Mr. Churchill), 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. Robert Taylor: 338.

Tellers for the noes, Mr. Dreese: 193.

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 draft police pensions police regulations, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 10th day of this instant june, be approved.—(Mr. Younger).

Resolved, that the draft police pensions police (Scotland) regulations, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 10th day of this instant june, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser).
Resolved, That the Draft National Health Service (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 2nd day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. John Edwards.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Draft National Health Service (Transfer of Officers and Compensation) Regulations, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 2nd day of this instant June, be approved—(Mr. John Edwards);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

**Thursday, 24th June, 1948:**

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Draft National Health Service (Transfer of Officers and Compensation) Regulations, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 2nd day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. John Edwards.)

Resolved, That the Draft National Health Service (Scotland) (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 9th day of this instant June, be approved.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Resolved, That the Draft National Health Service (Scotland) (Transfer of Officers and Compensation) Regulations, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 9th day of this instant June, be approved.—(The Lord Advocate.)

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 Wellington, Salop, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Wellington, Salop, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Cinematograph Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Wellington, Salop, a copy of which Order was presented on the 21st day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— Adjournment. (Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 144.]

**Thursday, 24th June, 1948.**

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

The Prime Minister presented, by His (Royal Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes Commission). Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Twenty-eighth day (the 1st day of April 1948).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the Poisons directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd June 1948, entitled the Poisons List (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

Copy of Rules, dated 23rd June 1948, entitled Poisons the Poisons (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant Army to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Territorial Army. Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His (Scotland). Housing Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st May 1948.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, Housing (Pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report under subsection (5) of Housing (Financial Provisions) Section 14 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1946. No. 168. (Scotland). Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Qualifications for Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) be printed.
Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of a Warrant, dated 23rd June 1948, entitled the Ireland Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1948.

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 31st May 1948.

Mr. Bevan also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report, under subsection (5) of Section 16 of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946.

Copy of a Scheme made by the Deal Town Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of Regulations, dated 24th June 1948, entitled the Scottish Milk Marketing Boards (Modification of Functions) Order, 1948:

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 24th June 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th June 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd June 1948, entitled—

(1) the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Claims and Payments) Regulations, 1948,

(2) the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations, 1948, and

(3) the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Benefit) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Challen reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills, to whom the Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had considered the Bill, 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 from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Law Reform (Personal Injuries) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to make provision for British nationality; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The British Nationality Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £50, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services relating to Coal for the year ending on the 31st March 1949, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class VI., Vote 6, Ministry of Fuel and Power, be reduced by £5,—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the aye side: 
Major Ramsay : 
Mr. Snow. 
Mr. George Wallace : 
Mr. Bevan. 

Tellers for the no side: 
Mr. Studholme : 
Mr. Snow : 
Mr. Wilfred Paling : 
Mr. George Wallace : 
Mr. Bevan.

Original Question again proposed.

And it being after Ten o'clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 145.]
Friday, 25th June, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Cromer Urban District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the River Ouse Catchment Board (Appeals against Precepts) Order, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Finance (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker).

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. George Wallace.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned until Monday next.

[No. 146.]
Monday, 28th June, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Warwick Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Cumberland County Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1948, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments (Chile) Order, 1948.

Copies of Treasury Minutes, under the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, dated 24th June 1948, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of money provided by Parliament for—

(1) the National Health Service, England and Wales, and
(2) the National Health Service, Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of a Scheme, made by the Army and Air Council, and the Air Council, for the Establishment and Constitution of an Association for the County of Bedford under the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1921, as amended by the Territorial Army and Militia Act, 1921, the Auxiliary Air Force and Air Force Reserve Act, 1924, and the Auxiliary Air Force Order, 1924.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copies of Regulations,—

(1) dated 22nd June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Medical Education Committee) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948,
(2) dated 22nd June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Appointment of Medical and Dental Officers) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, and
(3) dated 24th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services Fees) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 252 Universities (No. 86 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh) (Institution of the Honorary Degree of Master of Arts).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1948, entitled the Pensions (Goverors of Dominions, &c.) (No. 1) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th June 1948, entitled the Companies (Unregistered Companies) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1948, entitled the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Services (Price Control) Agreement (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948.

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) Barnsley Town Council.
(2) Bridgwater Borough Council.
(3) Exeter City Council.
Ordered, That the Appropriation Account for the Army Department, which was presented upon the 20th day of January last, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking Children Bill into consideration the Children Bill [Lords], 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. 6, p. 7, l. 41; Clause No. 10, p. 8, l. 44 and p. 8, l. 45; Clause No. 54, p. 30, l. 19 and p. 30, l. 21; Clause No. 57, p. 38, l. 27, and to the Third Schedule, p. 51, l. 49, 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.)

Clauses Nos. 6, 10, 54 and 57 amended, and agreed to.

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.

Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 6, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(4) Any parent, guardian, relative or friend who is aggrieved by the refusal of a local authority to allow a child, in respect of whom a resolution is in force, to be under his control under subsection (3) of section three of this Act may complain to a juvenile court, or in Scotland the sheriff, having jurisdiction where the complaint resides, and if the court or sheriff think fit, they or he may, without determining the resolution, order that the child be under the control of the complainant subject to such conditions as the court may require."—(Mr. Kenneth Lindsay.)

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. 11, l. 32, by inserting, after the word "welfare," the words "or proper religious upbringing."—(Mr. Hollis.)

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. 38, by leaving out the words "owing to special circumstances."—(Mr. Sidney Marshall.)
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. 30, l. 8, by leaving out the word "officer," and inserting the word "friend"—(Sir Thomas Moore),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "officer" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, 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, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) [Money] (No. 2), proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Resolution to be reported.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eric Fletcher reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations, 1948, dated 13th May 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 25th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. King.)

Resolved, That the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, dated 13th May 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 14th day of May last, be approved.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Resolved, That the Town and Country Planning (Modification of Mines Act) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, dated 27th May 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 27th day of May last, be approved.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Resolved, That the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement of Restriction of Ribbon Development Acts) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, dated 27th May 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 27th day of May last.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 30, l. 8, by leaving out the word "officer," and inserting the word "friend"—(Sir Thomas Moore).—instead thereof.

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 Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) [Money] (No. 2), proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Resolution to be reported.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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[No. 147.]

Tuesday, 29th June, 1948.

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 are applicable thereto, viz.:—Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Trade and (No. 37, 1948). Payments Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Spanish Government, signed at Madrid on the 23rd day of June 1948.

Copy of an Economic Co-operation Agreement between the Governments of the United States of America, and the United States of America, initialled at referendum at Washington on the 26th day of June 1948 (with the Text of a
Note to be sent by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the United States Ambassador in London at the time of signature of the Agreement.

Copy of the Text of Notes on Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment for Western Germany to be exchanged between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America at the time of signature of the Economic Co-operation Agreement in Washington during July 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Regulations, 1948.

Copies of Regulations, dated 26th June 1948, entitled—

(1) the Public Health (Imported Food) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, and

(2) the Public Health (Meat) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 26th June 1948, entitled the Grass Seed (Growers’ Fixed Prices) (Scotland) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1948, entitled the Candles (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Oilskins) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1948, entitled the Toilet Preparations (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1948, entitled the National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Stamps) Regulations, 1948.

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 28th June 1948, entitled the National Assistance (Powers of Inspection) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations, 1948.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th June 1948, entitled the Labelling of Food (General Licence) Order, 1947 (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 28th June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (New Entrants Transitional) Provisional Regulations, 1948.

Copies of Regulations, dated 28th June 1948, entitled—

(i) the National Insurance (Seamen’s Special Fund) Regulations, 1948, and

(ii) the National Insurance (Classification) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Refund of Contributions) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance (Classification) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said report be printed.

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, dated 28th June 1948, entitled—

(i) the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 2), 1948, and

(ii) the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Rules, 1948.

Sir Basil Neeson-Spence reported from Standing Committee A, that they had gone through the Veterinary Surgeons Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., have leave to report the Minutes of their further Proceedings.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Minutes of their further Proceedings.

Ordered, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Employment and Training Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.
The Prime Minister acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Majesty to this House, signed by His Majesty's own hand:—And he presented the same to the House, and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered); and is as followeth:

The Emergency Powers Act, 1920, having enacted that if it appears to His Majesty that any action has been taken or is immediately threatened by any persons or body of persons of such a nature and on so extensive a scale as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel, light or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of the essentials of life, His Majesty may, by proclamation, declare that a state of emergency exists; and the cessation of work in certain sections of the dock industry having, in His Majesty's opinion, constituted a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act:—

His Majesty has deemed it proper, by proclamation made in pursuance of the said Act and dated the twenty-eighth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, to declare that a state of emergency exists:—

Ordered, That His Majesty's said most gracious Message be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison).

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Mr. Simmons,

Mr. Wilkins: 277.

Tellers for the Mr. Studholme,

Major Conant: 133.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for inquiry into the existence and effects of, and for dealing with mischiefs resulting from, or arising in connection with, any conditions of monopoly or restriction or other analogous conditions prevailing as respects the supply of, or the application of any process to, goods, buildings or structures, or as respects exports, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of salaries and other remuneration paid to officers and servants, and contributions under pension schemes in respect of members, officers and servants, of the Monopoly Commission constituted under that Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 1, p. 7, ll. 9 and 10 and p. 2, ll. 14 and 20 and of the new Clause (Reports on general questions) standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Wilson.—(Mr. Wilson.)

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.

A Clause (Reports on general questions)—(Mr. Wilson)—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. Thurtle reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments, and added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration.—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Public interest)—(Mr. Wilson)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Annual report)—(Mr. Wilson); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

The proposed Clause was amended, in l. 2, by leaving out the word "three," and inserting the word "two," instead thereof, and in l. 5, by leaving out the word "three," and inserting the word "two," instead thereof.—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, as amended, in l. 8, by leaving out subsection (2).—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of l. 21, stand part of the proposed Clause, as amended;—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson,

Mr. Hannan: 251.

Tellers for the Major Conant,

Brigadier Mackeson: 94.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, as amended, in l. 21, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "(g) professional workers in Great Britain."—(Mr. Shepherd.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Clause, as amended.—The said proposed Amendment to the proposed Clause, as amended, was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the said Clause, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 7, by leaving out the word "Monopoly," and inserting the words "Restrictive Business Practices"—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "Monopoly" stand part of the Bill:—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. 2, by leaving out ll. 33 to 36, and inserting the words—

"Provided that any reference made under this subsection where the prevalence of the conditions in question is expressly authorised by or under any enactment, other than the enactments relating to patents or trade marks, shall be so framed as to limit the investigation and report to the facts, that is to say, to the question whether conditions to which this Act applies in fact prevail and, if so, in what manner and to what extent, and to the things which are done by the parties concerned as a result or for the purpose of preserving those conditions"—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe),—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. Collindridge,]
Yeas, [Mr. Richard Adams : ] 263.
Tellers for the [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. 3, l. 9, by leaving out the word "one-third," and inserting the word "one-half"—(Mr. Lyttelton),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "one-third" stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge,]
Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme,]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 17, by leaving out from the word "determine" to the second word "the" in l. 22.—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe),—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. 9, l. 4, by leaving out "either (i)."—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe),—and the Question being put, That "either (i)" stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow,]
Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme,]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 12, by leaving out subsection (4).—(Mr. Henry Strauss),—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. Snow,]
Yeas, [Mr. George Wallace : ] 237.
Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme,]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.
(Mr. Collindridge.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Paper relative to the Forestry Commission, which was presented on the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Civil Estimates Command,—Estimate of further Sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, for Civil Departments.

Mr. Glenvil Hall also presented, pursuant to Finance directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts. Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

Account of Revenue and Expenditure in Isle of Man 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 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; that the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate and Finance Accounts be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London, between the 24th and the

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of the First Report of the Committee on Land Registration in Scotland, dated 10th June 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Tribunal for Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1948, entitled the Local Government (Compensation) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1948, entitled the National Assistance (Compensation) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Report by A. M. Bryan, J.P., B.Sc., F.R.S.E., His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines, on the Causes of, and Circumstances attending the Explosion which occurred at Ingham Colliery, Thornhill, Yorkshire, on the 9th day of September 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations,—

(1) dated 29th June 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order) Regulations, 1948,

(2) dated 30th June 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning Delegation (London) Regulations, 1948, and

(3) dated 30th June 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Local Authorities' Land; Exceptions to Section 82) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Instrument, dated 29th June 1948, entitled the National Assistance (Appeal Tribunals) Rules Confirmation Instrument, 1948.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 29th June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Members of the Forces) Provisional Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th June 1948, entitled—

(1) the National Insurance (Contributions) Regulations, 1948,

(2) the National Insurance (Airmen) Regulations, 1948, and

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(3) the National Insurance (Mariners) Regulations, 1948.

Copies of Regulations, dated 29th June 1948, entitled—

(1) the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Insurable and Excepted Employments) Regulations, 1948,

(2) the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Airmen) Regulations, 1948, and

(3) the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Mariners) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance (Contributions) Regulations, 1948, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Butcher reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Development of Inventions Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. 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 Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Dr. Guest reported from the Committee on Salford Corporation Bill [Lords], that they had examined the allegiances of the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Children Bill made by this House to the Children Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £30, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for...
the following services connected with Germany
for the year ending on the 31st day of March
1949, namely:

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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, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:


Then the House again resolved itself into Supply, the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £30, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Germany for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, namely:

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Snow)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Thursday, 1st July, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Prayers.

The Cromer Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Warwick Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Twenty-ninth Day (the 14th day of April 1948).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Glennis Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement, showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of April 1948, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Transport be printed.

Mr. Glennis Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 24th day of June 1948, on stock issued by the British Transport Commission under the Transport Act, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Transport be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th June 1948, entitled the Children Act (Compensation of Officers) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copies of Rules, dated 29th June 1948, entitled—

1. the Police War Reserve (No. 3) Rules, 1948, and
2. the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps (No. 3) Rules, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Ranks and Conditions of Service) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 29th June 1948, Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement on Social Security between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the French Government (with Protocols), signed at Paris on the 11th day of June 1948. (This Agreement has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.)

Copy of a Cultural Convention between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic (with Protocol and Notes exchanged), signed at Paris on the 2nd day of March 1948 (Ratifications of the Convention exchanged at London on the 15th day of June 1948).

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 18th day of May 1948, constituting an agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of China for the Transfer of certain British Naval Vessels to China and the Mutual Waiver of Claims in respect of the Loss of other Vessels (with Annex).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1948, entitled the Charities for Disabled Persons (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.


Copy of Regulations, dated 29th June 1948, Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948.

Orders for Regulations,—

(1) dated 30th June 1948, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) dated 1st July 1948, entitled the National Assistance (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Orders for Regulations,—

(1) dated 26th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Highlands and Islands Medical Service Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948,
(2) dated 30th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Charges for Hospital Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948,
(3) dated 30th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Dissolved Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948,
(4) dated 30th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Expenses in attending Hospitals) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948,
(5) dated 30th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Finance of Executive Councils and Scottish Dental Estimates Board) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948,
(6) dated 30th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Transfer of Property and Liabilities of Insurance Committees) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Rules, dated 28th June 1948, entitled the Superannuation (Policy and Local Government Schemes) Interchange (Scotland) Rules, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Local Authorities' Land: Exceptions to Section 79) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

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 30th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Welsh Joint Pricing Committee) Order, 1948.

Orders for Regulations,—

(1) dated 30th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Control and Management of Hospital Endowment Fund) Regulations, 1948.
(2) dated 30th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Fees (Amendment) Regulations, 1948,
(3) dated 30th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals, etc.) Regulations, 1948,
(4) dated 1st July 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Medical Practices Compensation) Regulations, 1948, and
(5) dated 1st July 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Charges for Appliances) Regulations, 1948,

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 30th June 1948, entitled the Sea-Fishing Industry (Immature Sea-Fish) Order, 1948.

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 June 1948, entitled—
(1) the Fish (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948,
(2) the Meat Products and Canned Meat (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1948,
(3) the Tomatoes Order, 1948 (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Instruments, dated 30th June 1948, entitled—
(2) the National Assistance (Administration of Assistance) Regulations Confirmation Instrument, 1948, and
(2) the National Assistance (Reception Centres) Regulations Confirmation Instrument, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Challen reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills, That they had considered the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, 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 said Report do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister),

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right ; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. George Wallace ;
Mr. Simmons ;
Mr. Commander Agnew ;
Mr. Studholme ;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Wallace ;
Mr. Commander Agnew ;
Mr. Studholme.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Committee of Supply be discharged from considering the Estimates set out hereunder, and that the said Estimates be referred to the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills:
Class I., Vote 24—Scottish Home Department.
Class VI., Vote 21—Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration His Majesty's Most Gracious Message of the 29th day of June last, relative to His Majesty's Proclamation under the Emergency Powers Act, 1920.

And the same was again read by Mr. Speaker, as followeth:—The Emergency Powers Act, 1920, having enacted that if it appears to His Majesty that any action has been taken or is immediately threatened by any persons or body of persons of such a nature and on so extensive a scale as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel, light or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of the essentials of life, His Majesty may, by proclamation, declare that a state of emergency exists : and the cessation of work in certain sections of the dock industry having, in His Majesty's opinion, constituted a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act:

His Majesty has deemed it proper, by proclamation made in pursuance of the said Act and dated the twenty-eighth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, to declare that a state of emergency exists.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, thanking His Majesty for His Most Gracious Message communicating to this House that His Majesty deemed it proper by Proclamation, made in pursuance of the Emergency Powers Act, 1920, and dated the 28th day of June 1948, to declare a state of emergency.—(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 Export Guarantees Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Richard Adams.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Wilson, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Export Guarantees
[Money], proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House: Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, and the Export Guarantees’ Act, 1945 (called below “the new Act”), of the 1939 Act or “the 1945 Act”), by increasing the limits on the liability which may be undertaken by guarantees given under section one of the 1939 Act or section two of the 1945 Act, it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums which by virtue of the 1939 Act and the 1945 Act are to be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament or the Consolidated Fund, or are to be paid into the Exchequer, being an increase attributable to the new Act raising—
(a) to three hundred million pounds the limit in respect of all the said guarantees;
(b) to fifteen million pounds the limit in respect of those under subsection (4) of section one of the 1939 Act;
(c) to thirty million pounds the limit in respect of those under section two of the 1945 Act.—(Mr. Bottomley.)
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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agriculture (Scotland) Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments as far as the Amendment in p. 23, l. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 23, l. 21, at end, insert—
(4) The provisions of this Part of this Act shall not apply to any holding to which the provisions of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, 1886 to 1931, apply:—
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the House doth disagree to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Agriculture (Scotland) Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as followeth:
The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 23, l. 21, for the following Reason:—
Because the holdings to which Part I of the Bill applies are already clearly defined and the Amendment is therefore unnecessary.
The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to. Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Hannan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 150.]

Friday, 2nd July, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Gwenda Hall presented, pursuant to Income Tax, the directions of an Act of Parliament, and to the Consideration of the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill: And a Committee was nominated of the Lord Advocate, Mr. McKinlay, Mr. James Reid, Mr. Ross and Mr. Snadden.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Army Expenditure, 1946-47.

(In the Committee.)

Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, that the aggregate Expenditure on Army Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services and that, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Army Services over the net Expenditure is £34,382,750 16s. 3d. viz.:—

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<td>Total Deficits</td>
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<td>Total Surplus</td>
<td>£34,382,750.16.3</td>
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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Army Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Army Services:

Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Mr. Michael Stewart.)

Schedule.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Agriculture and Shipping Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Wages Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes before One of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Matters Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Scottish Estimates referred to that Committee, for the sitting on Tuesday the 6th day of this instant July, and Sir Basil Neven-Spence for the sitting on Wednesday the 7th day of this instant July, in place of Sir Charles MacAndrew.
[No. 151.]
Monday, 5th July, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 21) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1948, entitled the Utility Overalls and Aprons (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of a Licence, dated 1st July 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Services Handkerchiefs Certificates) Licence, 1948.

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 2nd July 1948, entitled the Clay Works (Welfare) Special Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1948, entitled the Second-Hand Plant (Control of Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

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 1st July 1948, entitled the Railways (Transport of Barley) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

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 and July 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cromer Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Warwick Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Criminal Justice Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nurseries and Child-Minders Regulation Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House re-affirms its support of the objectives of the Convention for European Economic Co-operation signed in Paris on 16th April 1948 and having regard to the need for the achievement and maintenance of a satisfactory level of economic activity without extraordinary outside assistance, approves the Economic Co-operation Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America initialled at Washington on 26th June 1948 and the draft exchange of notes between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America on most favoured nation treatment for Western Germany and Trieste—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Snow).

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-two minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 5th July 1948, entitled the Ware Potatoes (1948 Crop) Restrictions on Sales) Order, 1948, and
(2) dated 6th July 1948, entitled the Meals in Establishments Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Supply, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, that this House re-affirms its support of the objectives of the Convention for European Economic Co-operation signed in Paris on 16th April 1948 and having regard to the need for the achievement and maintenance of a satisfactory level of economic activity without extraordinary outside assistance, approves the Economic Co-operation Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America initialled ad referendum in Washington on 26th June 1948 and the draft exchange of notes between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America on most favoured nation treatment for Western Germany and Trieste:

And the Question being again proposed:

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Snow, 409.
Mr. George Wallace, 12.

Tellers for the Noes: Sir Stanley Holmes, Sir Thomas Moore.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House re-affirms its support of the objectives of the Convention for European Economic Co-operation signed in Paris on 16th April 1948 and having regard to the need for the achievement and maintenance of a satisfactory level of economic activity without extraordinary outside assistance, approves the Economic Co-operation Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America initialled ad referendum in Washington on 26th June 1948 and the draft exchange of notes between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America on most favoured nation treatment for Western Germany and Trieste.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account under the Housing Act, 1944, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 29th day of June 1948, on stock issued by the British Transport Commission under the Transport Act, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Transport be printed.

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 1947, including the Report of the Chief Medical Officer on the State of the Public Health for 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1948, entitled the War Emergency Paint (Control) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1948, entitled the Control of Roofing and other Materials (Revocation) Order, 1948.

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 5th July 1948, entitled the Control of Whitting, Chalk and Chalk Lime (Revocation) Order, 1948.

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 Order, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Colliery Workers Supplementary Scheme) Order, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 5th July 1948, entitled the Non-Contributory Old Age Pensions Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Cumberland County 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.

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. Wilkins; Tellers for the Noes, Brigadier Macker ; 260. 102.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Peabody Donation Fund 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 thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Cumberland County 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 of the Cumberland County 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.

Mr. Logan reported from the Committee on Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Cumberland County 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 of the Cumberland County 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 of the Cumberland County 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.
aggregate sums appropriated for those Services and that, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Army Services over the net expenditure is £34,382,750 16s. 3d. viz.:

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<td>Reserve Forces, Territorial Army, Ambulance Corps</td>
<td>90,453 10d.</td>
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<td>16,167 2d.</td>
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| Total Deficits | £16,382,335 16s. 10d. | Net Surplus | £34,382,750 16s. 3d. |

The said 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 Employment and Training Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 9, l. 35, at end, inserted:

"Provided that any person being a parent or the guardian of a person of whom particulars have been so furnished shall be entitled, on application to the officer having the custody thereof, to examine those particulars in his presence, but shall not be entitled to receive or take copies thereof," the first Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment, in l. 5, by leaving out from the word " particulars " to the end of the Lords Amendment.—(Mr. McCorquodale.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out 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. 14, l. 9, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 14, l. 9, leave out (" thirty-four ") and insert (" not more than thirty-six "), the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing Special Entry, to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords: and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, which was presented to this House on the 27th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Dugdale);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 8th July, 1948:

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That the Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, which was presented to this House on the 27th day of May last, be approved.

The Agricultural Wages Bill [Lords] was, Agricultural Wages Bill [Lords],

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Simmons.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, 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 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 Standing Order, it being then seventeen minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty’s Command, — Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Thirtieth Day of August 1948.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of an International Telecommunication Convention and Related Documents, signed at Atlantic City on the 2nd day of July 1947.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of an Order, dated 6th July 1948, entitled the Extinguishment or Modification of Easements Regulations, 1948.

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 Leeds 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. Wilfred Paling presented, by His Majesty’s Command, — Copy of an International Telecommunication Convention and Related Documents, signed at Atlantic City on the 2nd day of October 1947. (The Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of an Agreement concerning Insured Letters and Boxes, signed at Paris on the 5th day of July 1947. (This Agreement has not been ratified by His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of an Universal Postal Convention, signed at Paris on the 5th day of July 1947. (This Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom.)

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Transferred Undertakings (Compensation to Employees) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 7th July 1948, entitled the Transferred Undertakings (Pensions of Employees losing Employment) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply (30th allotted Day).

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. (Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Mathers Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills in respect of the Scottish Estimates referred to that Committee in place of Sir Charles MacAndrew.
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 for further promoting the Revision of the Statute Law by repealing Enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary and for facilitating the publication of a Revised Edition of the Statutes and the Citation of Statutes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the appointment of a Keeper of the Registers of Scotland and of a Keeper of the Records of Scotland, that office; to amend the law and procedure regarding registration in the General Register of Sasines and for purposes connected with the aforesaid purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Public Registers and Records (Scotland) Bill [Lords], was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Statute Law Revision 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 Export Guarantees [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Export Guarantees Act, 1945 (called below "the new Act," "the 1939 Act" and "the 1945 Act"), by increasing the limits on the liability which may be undertaken by guarantees given under section one of the 1939 Act or section two of the 1945 Act, it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums which by virtue of the 1939 Act and the 1945 Act are to be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament or the Consolidated Fund, or are to be paid into the Exchequer, being an increase attributable to the new Act raising—

(a) to three hundred million pounds the limit in respect of all the said guarantees;
(b) to fifteen million pounds the limit in respect of those under subsection (4) of section one of the 1939 Act;
(c) to thirty million pounds the limit in respect of those under section two of the 1945 Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Export Guarantees Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Mr. Speaker's Table; and desire their concurrence (the Certificate).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Wages Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 21 agreed to.

First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Schedules agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Veterinary Surgeons Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Factories Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Amendment of certain powers to make regulations, etc.) agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 17, to leave out the word "either."—[Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.] Question proposed, That the word "either" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 9 to 16 agreed to.
Adjournment.

A Clause (Participation of shop stewards)—(Mr. Piratin)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time: Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Canteens and feeding places)—(Mr. Piratin)—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 (Weight lifting)—(Mr. Piratin)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time: Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Nicholas v. Austin)—(Mr. Salley)—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 principal Act, s. 151)—(Mr. Weitzman)—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 Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Snow).

And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 156.]

Monday, 12th July, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S .

THE House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords], as Corporation

amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Dugdale presented, pursuant to the Naval Prize directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage and other Moneys between the 1st day of April 1945 and the 31st day of March 1946.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant Fire Services to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th July 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Pensionable Employment) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th July 1948, entitled the Supplies and Services (Limitation of Supplies) (Scotland) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to Agriculture the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules (Northern Ireland) of Regulations, dated 6th July 1948, entitled the Bill Farming (Cottages) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1948.

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 Cleethorpes 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. Gaitskell 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 Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of the Sheffield and District Gas Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to Consolidate the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1923, Part III of the Agriculture Act, 1947, and certain other enactments relating to agricultural holdings, save, with respect to rights to compensation, in their application to certain cases determined by reference to past events, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to customs in the Isle of Man:

And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

And it being after Ten o'clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment. (Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

PUBLIC BILLS (SCOTLAND)

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland) Mr. Speaker this day certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Public Registers and Records (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 157.]

Tuesday, 13th July, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the Import Duties Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th July 1948, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 5) Order, 1948. Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1948, Supplies and entrepot duties Directions (No. 2) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Final Act of the International Conference on World Health Organisation, the Constitution of the Organisation, an Arrangement establishing an Interim Commission, and a Protocol relating
to the International Office of Public Health, signed at New York on the 22nd day of July 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Industry and Employment in Scotland.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper entitled Industry and Employment in Scotland.

Local Taxation Returns (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Local Taxation Returns (Scotland) for the year ended the 31st March 1943.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Supplies and Services (Domestic Pottery).

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1948, entitled the Domestic Pottery (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Agriculture.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th July 1948, entitled the Agriculture (Special Directions) (Maximum Area of Pasture) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Coal Mines.

No. 174.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Coal Board for 1948. Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Coal Board for 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Coal Mines.

No. 175.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th July 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Statutory Instruments, &c.

No. 285.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., have leave to report the Minutes of their further Proceedings.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Minutes of their further Proceedings.

Ordered, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Agriculture (Scotland) Bill to which this House hath disagreed.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison); Vol 203.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Simmons, Mr. Wilkins :} 280.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Studholme, Major Ramsay :} 135.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the British Nationality Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (British Nationality).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words " British subject," and insert the word " citizen."—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Question proposed; That the words " British subject " stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Royal Assent, Majest)'s Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:


Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the British Nationality Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Question put; That the words " British subject " stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Major Conant, Mr. Wilkins :} 111.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Collindridge, Major Ramsay :} 308.

Word " citizen " there inserted.

Other Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Attorney General.) Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Stodolme, 105. Brigadier Mackeson : 307.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Wallace : 307.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 3 (Subjects by birth).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, to leave out the words "and Colonies," and insert the words "or in any colony."—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

Question proposed, That the words "and Colonies" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 6 (Registration of alien women married to British subjects of the United Kingdom and Colonies and of minors).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 29, to leave out the word "may," and insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Eric Fletcher.)

Question proposed, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 7 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 8 to 12 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 13 and 14 agreed to.
Clause No. 15 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 16 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 17 to 20 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 21 agreed to.
Clause No. 22 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 23 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 24 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 25 to 27 agreed to.
Clause No. 28 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 29 and 30 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 31 to 33 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Continuance of certain citizens of Eire as British subjects)—(Mr. Secretary Eden)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

First, Second and Third Schedules agreed to.
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, intituled, An Act to make provision for British Nationality, and for Citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Popplewell) :—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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-three minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 158.]

Wednesday, 14th July, 1948.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Peabody Donation Fund Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented a Bill to British confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Commission Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936. Order Con-relating to the British Transport Commission: firmation Bill. And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of Bill 130, the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series, Majesty's Command.—Copy of an Economic (No. 41, 1948). Co-operation Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America (with Annex and Note), signed at London on the 6th day of July 1948.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the Treaty Series 6th day of July 1948, between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America on the application of Most-Favoured Nation Treatment to Western Germany and the Free Territory of Trieste.

Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on Treaty Series the 9th day of July 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Norway supplementary to the Monetary Agreement of the 8th day of November 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, by His Colonial Research, Mastery's Command—Copies of—(1) the Fifth Annual Report of the Colonial Research Committee, 1947-48. (2) the Fifth Annual Report of the Colonial Products Research Council, (3) the Fourth Annual Report of the Colonial Social Science Research Council,
(4) the Third Annual Report of the Colonial Medical Research Committee,
(5) the Third Annual Report of the Committee for Colonial Agricultural Animal Health and Forestry Research,
(6) the First Annual Report of the Colonial Insecticides Committee, and

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th July 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Construction and Improvement of Private Streets, &c.) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Regulations for Technical State Scholarships, 1948.

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,—
(1) dated 12th July 1948, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 10) Regulations, 1948, and

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills to whom certain Estimates were referred, That they had considered the said Estimates.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. McEntee reported from the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons), That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report 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 Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the West Riding County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords], and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same as amended to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Ipswich Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Merthyr Tydfil Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply (2nd and allotted Day).

Civil Estimates, 1948–49.

Ordered, That the Item Class V., Vote 1, Ministry of Health, be reduced by £5.—(Mr. Elliot.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Studholme,

Yeas,

Brigadier Matheson: 131.

Tellers for the

Mr. Snow,

Noes,

Mr. George Wallace: 303.

Original Question again proposed.

And it being after Ten o'clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Leather (Charges) (No. 3) Supplies and Services (Raw Materials) Order, 1948 (S.I. 1948, No. 1312), dated 18th June 1948, 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 22nd day of June last, be approved.—Mr. Belcher.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations, dated 29th June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Contributions) Regulations, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 1477), a copy of which was presented on the 30th day of June last, be annulled.—Mr. Cove.—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 15th July, 1948:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Provisional Regulations, dated 19th June 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Overlapping Benefits) Provisional Regulations, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 1244), a copy of which was presented on the 15th day of June last, be annulled—Sir Ian Fraser.—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 159.]

Thursday, 15th July, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time; and Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the British Transport Commission Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Glencil Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America, signed at Washington on the 12th day of July 1948, for a settlement of Claims under the Specific Agreements of the 27th day of March 1946 (with Agreements on the Disposal of Joint Installations and on the Sale of Surplus Lend-Lease Stores in the Middle East).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th July 1948, entitled the Police (Overseas Service) (Greece) (Amendment) Regulations; 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters exchanged between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Finance Minister of India extending the Financial Agreement of the 14th day of August 1947 and making certain Financial Provisions in respect of Defence Stores and Installations taken over from the Government of the United Kingdom, and of the Sterling Pensions Liabilities of the Dominions and Provinces of India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—

(1) High Wycombe Borough Council.

(2) Ilford Town Council.

(3) Oxford City Council.

(4) York City Council.

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 13th July 1948, entitled the Bananas Order, 1948,
(2) dated 14th July 1948, entitled the Fruit Pulp Order, 1948, and
(3) dated 14th July 1948, entitled the Preserves Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1948.
Copies of Orders, dated 14th July 1948, entitled—
(1) the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1948,
(2) the Rationing (Personal Points) Order, 1948,
(3) the Bacon (Rationing) Order, 1948,
(4) the Bread (Rationing) Order, 1948,
(5) the Meat (Rationing) Order, 1948,
(6) the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1948, and
(7) the Sugar and Preserves (Rationing) Order, 1948.
Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1948, entitled the Soap (Licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) Order, 1948.
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 13th July 1948, entitled the Control of Hand Tools (No. 6) (Revocation) Order, 1948.
Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1948, entitled the Supply of Office Machinery (Restriction) (No. 4) (Revocation) Order, 1948.
Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1948, entitled the Supply of Typewriters (Restriction) (No. 3) (Revocation) Order, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Challen reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords on Consolidation Bills, that they had considered the National Service Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, 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 Amendment made by this House to the Factories Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Veterinary Surgeons Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Criminal Justice Bill. And the same were read.
Ordered, That the consideration of the Lords Amendments in the Title, l. 1 and 9, be postponed until after the consideration of the subsequent Amendments.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.) The Lords Amendment, in p. 1, l. 9, leave out Clause 1, 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. Attorney General)
The House divided.

Mr. Speaker reported from the Select Committee, that they had considered the National Service Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, 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 Amendment made by this House to the Factories Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Veterinary Surgeons Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Criminal Justice Bill. And the same were read.
Ordered, That the consideration of the Lords Amendments in the Title, l. 1 and 9, be postponed until after the consideration of the subsequent Amendments.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.) The Lords Amendment, in p. 1, l. 9, leave out Clause 1, 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. Attorney General)
The House divided.
Provided that if at any time before the expiration of the period aforesaid an Address is presented to His Majesty by each House of Parliament praying that this section be continued in force without limitation of time or for any extended period specified in the Address, His Majesty may by Order in Council make provision for that purpose; and where any such Order in Council continues this section for any such extended period, the provisions of this subsection (including this proviso) shall have effect as if that extended period were substituted for the period of five years mentioned in this section.

(4) In the application of this section to Scotland—

(a) any reference to murder shall be construed as including a reference to any offence mentioned in section two or section three of the Criminal Law (Scotland) Act, 1829 (which sections make punishable by death certain crimes of violence against His Majesty's subjects);

(b) the reference to imprisonment for life shall be construed as a reference to penal servitude for life;

(c) for the reference to section fifty-three of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, there shall be substituted a reference to section fifty-seven of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1933—

(Mr. Anthony Greenwood), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow, Yeas, 379; Mr. George Wallace; 319.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Royle, Noes, 186; Mr. McGehee; 324.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be there inserted in the words so restored to the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow, Yeas, 307; Mr. George Wallace; 307.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Noes, 209; Mr. Drew; 209.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The words so restored to the Bill were further amended, in p. 2, l. 13, at the end, by inserting the words—

"(7) This section shall apply to Scotland, subject to the following modifications—

(a) for any reference to the Prison Acts, 1865 to 1898, there shall be substituted a reference to the Prison (Scotland) Acts, 1860 to 1904, and for any reference to section fifty-three of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, there shall be substituted a reference to section fifty-seven of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937;

(b) any reference to imprisonment for life shall be construed as a reference to penal servitude for life;
(c) for the purpose of establishing that a person charged with murder has been convicted of murder committed on a previous occasion section sixty-six of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1887, shall apply and such conviction shall be deemed to have been found by the jury if it is admitted by the accused or is held to apply to him in pursuance of that section or is proved in accordance with the provisions thereof;

(d) subsections (3) and (5) shall be omitted and the following subsection shall be inserted after subsection (2):

'(3) During the continuance in force of this section, sections two and three of the Criminal Law (Scotland) Act, 1829 (which make punishable by death certain crimes of violence against His Majesty's subjects), shall be construed as requiring the court to sentence any person convicted of any of the crimes therein set forth to penal servitude for life.'

and in l. 19, by leaving out subsection (4).—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 67, l. 1, by inserting, at the end thereof, the following Schedule:

SCHEDULE.

OFFENCES INVOLVING DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDER.

PART I.

OFFENCES UNDER LAW OF ENGLAND.

1. An offence under section twenty-three of the Larceny Act, 1916 (which relates to robbery).

2. An offence under section twenty-five, twenty-six or twenty-seven of the Larceny Act, 1916 (which relates to burglary and housebreaking).

3. An offence under section twenty of the Offences against the Person Act, 1861 (which relates to wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm), committed by three or more persons acting in concert.

4. An offence under section twenty-eight, twenty-nine or thirty of the Offences against the Person Act, 1861, or section two of the Larceny Act, 1916 (which relates to burglary and housebreaking).

5. An offence under section forty-eight or fifty-two of the Offences against the Person Act, 1861 (which relate to sodomy and indecent assault on females).

6. An offence under section sixty-one of the Offences against the Person Act, 1861 (which relates to sodomy and indecent assault on males).

PART II.

OFFENCES UNDER LAW OF SCOTLAND.

1. Robbery.

2. Theft by housebreaking or housebreaking with intent to steal, or theft by opening lock-fast places or opening lock-fast places with intent to steal.

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3. An assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm by three or more persons acting together, or an assault involving the throwing at or applying to another of a corrosive acid or other dangerous substance calculated to burn or injure him.

4. An offence under section two of the Explosive Substances Act, 1883 (which relates to crimes committed by means of explosives).

5. Rape, sodomy or indecent assault.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

The Lords Amendment, in p. 3, l. 4, at end insert (''with a cat o' nine tails''), 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. Secretary Ede)

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 16th July, 1948:

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Wilkins; Sir Thomas Moore, Colonel Gomme-Duncan.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 3, l. 5, at end insert (''such''), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 3, l. 6, leave out (''of whipping''), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 3, l. 6, at end insert—

(''(2) No person shall be sentenced by a court to whipping unless he is a male person and—

(a) is under the age of sixteen, or

(b) has been convicted of an offence under one of the following enactments, that is to say, the Garrotters Act, 1863, section three or section seven of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1912, or section twenty-three of the Larceny Act, 1916.''), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 9, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 18, l. 33, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 18, l. 33, leave out (''the said section thirty-three''), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry, privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 18, l. 36, leave out (''the said section thirty-three''), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry, privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 21, l. 23, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 23, l. 29, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 23, l. 29, leave out ("three") and insert ("four"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 27, l. 28, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 27, l. 28, leave out from ("section") to end of l. 31 and insert ("notwithstanding that the proceedings in which the evidence is given are not proceedings to which section one of that Act applies"), 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. 27, l. 43, leave out ("three") and insert ("four"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 28, l. 26, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 28, l. 26, leave out ("three") and insert ("four"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 28, l. 29, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 29, l. 26, leave out from the beginning to ("the") in l. 28, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 29, l. 32, leave out from ("evidence") to end of l. 33 and insert ("and shall so apply notwithstanding that the proceedings for the purposes of which the report is made are not proceedings to which section one of that Act applies"), 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. 33, l. 23, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 33, leave out ll. 23 and 24 and insert ("in relation to the proceedings before the appeal committee or court of quarter sessions as it applies in relation to the prosecution of an offence before a court of quarter sessions"), 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. 34, l. 32, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 34, l. 32, at end insert—

("(2) For the purpose of the last foregoing subsection the expression 'sentence' includes any order made on conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction, not being—

(a) a probation order or an order for conditional discharge;

(b) an order for the payment of costs;

(c) an order under section two of the Protection of Animals Act, 1911 (which enables the court to order the destruction of an animal)") the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, by adding, at the end of the words inserted by the Lords, the words—

"(d) an order made in pursuance of any enactment under which the court has no discretion as to the making of the order or the terms thereof"—[Mr. Attorney General], and, so amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 37, l. 46, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 37, l. 46, at end insert Clause G (Power of Court of Criminal Appeal to order new trials), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 38, l. 1, leave out subsection (1) and insert—

"(1) Where an appellant within the meaning of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1907, is admitted to bail under that Act, the time during which he is at large after being so admitted shall be disregarded in computing the term of any sentence to which he is for the time being subject.

(2) Subject as hereinafter provided, six weeks of the time during which any such appellant, when in custody, is specially treated, and the Court of Criminal Appeal deems it expedient, or in any other case, the Court of Criminal Appeal may direct that no part of the said time, or such part thereof as the court thinks fit (whether shorter or longer than six weeks) shall be disregarded in computing the term of any such sentence as aforesaid:

Provided that—

(a) the foregoing provisions of this subsection shall not apply where leave to appeal is granted under the Criminal Appeal Act, 1907, or any such certificate as is mentioned in paragraph (b) of section three of that Act has been given for the purposes of the appeal;

(b) in any other case, the Court of Criminal Appeal may direct that no part of the said time, or such part thereof as the court thinks fit (whether shorter or longer than six weeks) shall be disregarded as aforesaid.

(3) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this section, the term of any sentence passed by the Court of Criminal Appeal under the Criminal Appeal Act, 1907, in substituting for a sentence passed on the appellant in the proceedings from which the appeal is brought shall, unless the court otherwise directs, begin to run from the time when it would have begun to run if passed in those proceedings, and references in this section to any sentence to which an appellant is for the time being subject shall be construed accordingly.

(4) In relation to a person sentenced to Borstal training, any reference in this section to the term of that sentence shall be construed as a reference to the period during which, under the Second Schedule to this Act, he may be detained in a Borstal institution; and nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting any period during which a person so sentenced is liable to supervision under the said Schedule.

(5) The Court of Criminal Appeal may, when they dismiss an appeal or application for leave to appeal order the appellant or applicant as
the case may be to pay the whole or any part of the costs of the appeal or application, including the cost of any transcript of the shorthand notes of the proceedings at the trial made in accordance with a direction given by the registrar under section sixteen of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1907; and any order under this subsection may be enforced by the person to whom the costs are ordered to be paid in the same manner as an order for the payment of costs made by the High Court in civil proceedings.

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. 7, being read a second time, were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further consideration of the Lords Amendments be now adjourned (Sir David Maxwell Fyfe):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Lords Amendment in p. 41, l. 7, at beginning insert "(Notwithstanding anything in

The next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended by adding, at the end of the words inserted by the Lords, the words "or in section fourteen of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1848")—(Mr. Secretary Ede),—and, so amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 42, l. 18, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 42, l. 18, at end insert—

"(5) Where, in pursuance of a direction of the Court of Criminal Appeal under section (Power of Court of Criminal Appeal to order new trials) of this Act, any person who has appealed to that court is re-tried before a court of assize or quarter sessions, and is acquitted on the re-trial, the sums which may be directed by the court of assize or quarter sessions to be paid out of local funds under this section shall include—

(a) any sums which the Court of Criminal Appeal might have directed to be so paid on the appeal to that court and

(b) if an appeal was brought to the House of Lords from the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeal any sums which the House of Lords might, or might if that appeal had been determined in his favour, have directed to be so paid on that appeal."); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 42, l. 37, at end insert "(and references in any enactment including any enactment in this Act) to costs payable under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act, 1908, shall be construed as including references to costs payable by virtue of the provisions of this section)"; the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, in l. 7, by leaving out from the word "enactment" to the word "to" in l. 2.—(Mr. Younger)—and, so amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 44, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 44, l. 12, at end insert—

"(2) The Secretary of State may provide attendance centres, that is to say places at which offenders of not less than twelve but under twenty-one years of age may be required to attend in pursuance of orders made under section (Attendance at an attendance centre) of this Act, on such occasions and at such times as will avoid interference so far as is practicable with their school hour or working hours, and be given under supervision appropriate occupation or instruction; and for the purpose aforesaid the Secretary of State may make arrangements with any local authority or police authority for the use of premises of that authority."); 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. 44, l. 18, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 45, l. 46, leave out ("building") and insert ("establishing"), 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. 53, l. 36, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 53, l. 36, leave out Clause 58, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 57, l. 6, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 57, l. 6, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in l. 38, by leaving out subsection (7).—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 66, l. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 66, leave out l. 15, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 82, l. 26, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 82, l. 26, leave out from ("thirty-two") to end of l. 30 and insert ("for the words from the beginning to "recognizances as aforesaid" there shall be substituted the words 'within fourteen days after any fines, issues, amerciaments, penalties or recognizances are set, lost, imposed or forfeited by or before a court of assize, the clerk of assize or the clerk of the Central Criminal Court, as the case may be, shall')

"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. 82, l. 31, leave out from ("words") to end of l. 35 and insert ("and clerk of the Crown respectively there shall be substituted the words 'or clerk of the Central Criminal Court'."

In section thirty-eight, for the words 'which if this Act had not been passed would have prov
imposed or forfeited by or before a court of assize; and for the words 'clerk of the Crown', in both places where these words occur, there shall be substituted the words 'clerk of the Central Criminal Court', 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. 94, l. 51, being read a second time, were agreed to. The Lords Amendment in p. 94, leave out ll. 51 and 52, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 96, l. 41, being read a second time, were agreed to. The Lords Amendment in p. 96, leave out ll. 41 to 44, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to. The postponed Lords Amendment in the Title, l. 1, leave out from (' Act ') to second (' to '), being read a second time, was disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Title in lieu of the Lords Amendment last disagreed to, in l. 1, by leaving out the words 'suspend the death' and inserting the words 'amend the law relating to the'—(Mr. Secretary Ede),—instead thereof.

The postponed Lords Amendment in the Title, l. 9, 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 their Amendments to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Hector Hughes, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, and Mr. Sydney Silverman.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Secretary Ede)—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Mr. Secretary Ede 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 Criminal Justice 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. 3, l. 4, p. 3, l. 5, p. 3, l. 6 (first Amendment), p. 3, l. 6 (second Amendment), p. 94, l. 51, and p. 96, l. 41, for the following Reason:

Because the said Amendments would preserve the powers of courts in certain cases to order offenders to be whipped with a birch, which the Commons consider undesirable.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 23, l. 29, p. 27, l. 43, and p. 28, l. 26, for the following Reason:

Because it is undesirable that persons remanded under the Bill should be remanded in custody for a period exceeding three weeks on any single occasion.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 37, l. 46, and p. 42, l. 18, for the following Reason:

Because it is undesirable that any person convicted of an offence should again be tried for the same offence.

The said Reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to. Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes before Four of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 160.]

Friday, 16th July, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Brighton Corporation Bill (Lords) was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The British Transport Commission Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th July 1948, entitled the Regulations for State Scholarships and University Supplemental Awards, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1948, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nurseries and Child-Minders Regulation 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 Development of Inventions Bill (Lords), as amended in the Standing Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, 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 Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Pearson.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Pearson.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 161.]

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 Joseph Westwood, Member for Stirling and Falkirk District of Burghs, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives, of the honourable Member.

The Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments: to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Peabody Donation Fund Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments: to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Press [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Peabody Donation Fund Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Press [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the Goods and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 16th July 1948, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 15) Order, 1948, and

(2) dated 19th July 1948, entitled the Knitting Pins (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th July 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Health Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Tudor Aircraft.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. George Strauss presented, by His Tudor Aircraft. Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Final Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Tudor Aircraft.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to Employment of Regulations, dated 15th July 1948, entitled the Employment and Training (Payment of Travelling Expenses) Regulations, 1948.

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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Order Confirmation (Swanage) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order Confirmation (Redcar) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order Confirmation (Swanage) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Portsmouth Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Portsmouth Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Smethwick 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 Smethwick Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Smethwick Corporation Bill, without Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Smethwick Corporation Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to declare the meaning of references in Acts of Parliament and subordinate legislation to the laying of instruments or other documents before Parliament or before either House of Parliament, and the effect during a vacancy in the office of the Lord Chancellor or of the Speaker of the House of Commons of the requirement in section four of the Statutory Instruments Act, 1946, to send notification forthwith to each of them of an instrument's being made so as to operate before it has been laid before Parliament; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Laying of Documents before Parliament (Interpretation) Bill (Lords) was 'read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the British Nationality Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee. A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Prevention of discrimination)—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe); 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. 5, l. 42, by leaving out from the word "in" to the word "be," in l. 43, and inserting the words "a colony"—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe), 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.

A Schedule (Oath of Allegiance)—(Mr. Secretary Ede)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas to the Right; Mr. Hannan, Mr. Studholme; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Cmdr. Agnew.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Pearson.) Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Public Registers and Records (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. Collindridge.) Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Public Registers and Records (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 appointment of a Keeper of the Registers of Scotland and of a Keeper of the Records of Scotland and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required for the remuneration of the said Keepers and of the officers and servants appointed or transferred under the said Act to enable the said Keepers to perform the functions vested in them.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

Resolution to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

Agriculture.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Agriculture (Special Directions) (Maximum Area of Pasture) Order, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 13th day of this instant July, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Williams);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Snow:
Mr. George Wallace: 208.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Studholme:
Major Conant: 74.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Pensions.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Rules, dated 25th June 1948, entitled the National Insurance and Civil Service (Superannuation) (Schemes and Funds) Rules, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 1407), a copy of which was presented on the 28th day of June last, be annulled—(Sir John Mellor);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre: 37.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Pearson:
Mr. George Wallace: 146.

So it passed in the Negative.

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 House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 20th July, 1948:

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 Standing Order, it being then ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.
Supplies and Services (Food). Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders:—

(1) dated 19th July 1948, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1948, and
dated 20th July 1948, entitled the Milk (Non-Priority Allowance) (No. 4) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

County Court Procedure. Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the First Interim Report of the Committee on County Court Procedure.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure). 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 Nottinghamshire County Council (Mansfield Woodhouse Yorke Street) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Statutory Instruments, &c. Ninth Report. No. 190. Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &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 that the Report was brought up, and read, as followeth:

Your Committee have considered the Poisons (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 1379), a copy of which was presented on the 24th day of June last, and are of the opinion that the special attention of the House should be drawn to them on the ground that they appear to make an unusual and unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statute under which they are made.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

No. 190. 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 Export Guarantees Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the National Service Acts, 1939 to 1947, and the Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act, 1944, so far as that Act applies to persons called up for national service after the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The National Service Bill [Lords.] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)
No. 163.

Wednesday, 21st July, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House then proceeded to business.

MR. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th July 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Grant) Regulations, 1948.

Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department as to the Expulsion, Registration and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of April 1948 to the 30th day of June 1948.

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 June 1948, between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands concerning the Regulation of Trade and Payments between Singapore and the Federation of Malaya and the Netherlands Indies (with Annex).

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 Beeston and Stapleford 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. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report and Abstract Accounts of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

Account of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Seamen’s Fund Winding-up Act, 1854, for 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 19th July 1948, entitled the Flour Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948, and

(2) dated 21st July 1948, entitled the Meals in Establishments Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 8) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st July 1948, entitled the Bread Rationing Revocation Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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 the 4th, 11th and 28th days of March last, the 13th, 20th, 27th and 29th days of April last, the 4th day of May last and the 29th day of June last, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Benson reported from the Select Committee on Hybrid Bills (Procedure in 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 Appendices: 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 Select Committee on Standing Orders (Revision), That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Message from the Lords the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Transport Commission Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Hybrid Bills (Procedure in Committee), Standing Orders (Revision), No. 192.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Estimates, Sixth Report, No. 193.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Hybrid Bills (Procedure in Committee), Standing Orders (Revision), No. 192.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Hybrid Bills (Procedure in Committee), Standing Orders (Revision), No. 192.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Hybrid Bills (Procedure in Committee), Standing Orders (Revision), No. 192.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Hybrid Bills (Procedure in Committee), Standing Orders (Revision), No. 192.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Hybrid Bills (Procedure in Committee), Standing Orders (Revision), No. 192.
Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords].

Peabody Donation Fund Bill [Lords].

Inverness Burgh Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Criminal Justice Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Peabody Donation Fund Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Inverness Burgh, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to certain of their Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill and to the consequential Amendments made by this House to the Bill, without any Amendment; they do not insist on several of their Amendments to the said Bill to which this House hath disagreed; they insist on certain others and disagree to the Amendments made by this House in lieu thereof, for which they assign a Reason.

Ordered, That the Reason assigned by the Lords for insisting on certain of their Amendments, to which this House hath disagreed, and for disagreeing to the Amendments made by this House in lieu thereof, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gas Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock. (Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gas Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill and on the Public Registers and Records (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be extinguished, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House). (Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

The Inverness Burgh Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was ordered (under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendment be resolved into the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill (Mr. Speaker's Certificate, 1911.)

D. CLIFFTON BROWN, Speaker.

Mr. Snow reported from the Committee on Public Registers and Records (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the appointment of a Keeper of the Registers of Scotland and of a Keeper of the Records of Scotland and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required for the remuneration of the said Keepers and of the officers and servants appointed or transferred under the said Act to enable the said Keepers to perform the functions vested in them.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved Isle of Man itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill (Customs) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause Nos. 1 to 8 agreed to.

First, Second, Third and Fourth Schedules agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill (Mr. Speaker's Certificate, 1911.)

D. CLIFFTON BROWN, Speaker.

Mr. Snow reported from the Committee on Public Registers and Records (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the appointment of a Keeper of the Registers of Scotland and of a Keeper of the Records of Scotland and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required for the remuneration of the said Keepers and of the officers and servants appointed or transferred under the said Act to enable the said Keepers to perform the functions vested in them.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved Isle of Man itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill (Customs) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause Nos. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 7 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Adjournment.  Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 164.]

Thursday, 22nd July, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Cumberland
County Council
Bill [Lords].

[Mr. Deputy Speaker, in the Chair.]

The Cumberland County Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the 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 Inverness Burgh Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Thirty-second day (the 29th day of April 1948).

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 I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

(1) The Rural District of Amphil, (2) the Urban District of Biggleswade, (3) the Borough of Goole, and (4) the Urban District of Ledbury.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table. Vol. 203.

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Letters exchanged between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Finance Minister of Pakistan extending the Financial Agreement of the 14th day of August 1947 and making certain Financial Provisions in respect of Defence Stores and Installations taken over from the Government of the United Kingdom and of the Sterling Pensions Liabilities of the Dominion and Provinces of Pakistan.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Licence, dated 22nd July 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Supply to Local Authorities, Hospitals and Other Persons) Licence, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd July 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) Order (No. 9) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilfredo Paling presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Account of Cable and Wireless Limited for 1947, with the Report of the Directors.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st July 1948, entitled the Jute (Safety, Health and Welfare) Regulations, 1948.

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 22nd July 1948, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 12) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd July 1948, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Satisfaction of Compensation) Regulations, 1948.

Reports of the Industrial Coal Consumers’ Council and the Domestic Coal Consumers’ Council, for the year ending the 30th day of June 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was brought from the Lords by the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was brought from the Lords by the Lords:

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Bristol) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Exeter) Bill, without any Amendment.
Ministry of Health & Provisional Order Confirmation (Huddersfield) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health, Provisional Order Confirmation (Huddersfield) Bill, without any Amendment.

Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) Bill (changed to Monopolies and Restrictive Practices (Inquiry and Control) Bill), with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) Bill (changed to Monopolies and Restrictive Practices (Inquiry and Control) Bill), with Amendments; in which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Representation of the People Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Representation of the People Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Rochdale Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Rochdale Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Darwen Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Darwen Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

British Nationality Bill (Lords).

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the British Nationality Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Monopoly (Inquiry and Control) Bill (changed to Monopolies and Restrictive Practices (Inquiry and Control) Bill) be taken into consideration to-morrow, and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Representation of the People Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock; and that if the first Three Resolutions proposed 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).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Supply (24th allotted Day).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.

1. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £104,497,903, be granted to His Majesty to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with Rural Water Supplies for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.

| Class V., Vote 9, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services) | £36,341,010 |
| Class VI., Vote 18, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research | £2,532,163 |
| Total | £104,497,903 |

2. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £68,189,793, be granted to His Majesty to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with Civil Aviation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.

| Class V., Vote 16, Ministry of Civil Aviation | £17,180,783 |
| Class X., Vote 1, Ministry of Supply | £51,000,010 |
| Total | £68,189,793 |

3. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £185,615,010, be granted to His Majesty to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services relating to Colonial Affairs with particular reference to Economic Development for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.

| Class II., Vote 11, Colonial Office | £1,987,896 |
| Class II., Vote 12, West African Produce Control Board | £6,510 |
| Class X., Vote 2, Ministry of Food | £3,060,000 |
| Total | £185,615,010 |

And it being half past Nine o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business of Supply), forthwith to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the several Classes of the Civil Estimates including Supplementary Estimates, and the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Revenue Departments and Defence Department Estimates, and in the Navy, the Army, and the Air Estimates, be granted for the Services defined in those estimates.

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1948-49.

Class I.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £7,492,567, 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 1949, for
### Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>House of Lords</td>
<td>£55,646</td>
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<td>House of Commons (including a Supplementary sum of £334)</td>
<td>£58,367</td>
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<td>Registration of Electors</td>
<td>£155,000</td>
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<td>Treasury and Subordinate Departments</td>
<td>£1,808,195</td>
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<td>Privy Council Office</td>
<td>£29,939</td>
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<td>Privy Seal Office</td>
<td>£6,640</td>
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<td>Civil Service Commission</td>
<td>£366,450</td>
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<td>Exchequer and Audit Department</td>
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<td>Government Actuary</td>
<td>£20,404</td>
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<td>Government Chemist</td>
<td>£114,228</td>
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<td>Government Hospitality</td>
<td>£15,000</td>
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<td>The Mint</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>National Debt Office</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>National Savings Committee</td>
<td>£734,090</td>
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<td>Overlapping Income Tax Payments</td>
<td>£170,000</td>
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<td>Public Record Office</td>
<td>£45,080</td>
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<td>Public Works Loan Commission</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>Repayments to the Local Loans Fund</td>
<td>£29,959</td>
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<td>Royal Commissions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£105,000</td>
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<td>Secret Service</td>
<td>£1,500,000</td>
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<td>Titre Redemption Commission</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous Expenses</td>
<td>£744,196</td>
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<td>Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund</td>
<td>£42,401</td>
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<td>Scottish Home Department (including a Supplementary sum of £10)</td>
<td>£599,640</td>
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**Total:** £1,492,567

### Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Home Office</td>
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<tr>
<td>Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum</td>
<td>£9,200</td>
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<td>Police, England and Wales</td>
<td>£19,576,725</td>
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<td>Prisons, England and Wales</td>
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<td>Child Care, England and Wales</td>
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<td>Fire Services, England and Wales</td>
<td>£1,738,950</td>
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<td>Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£169,742</td>
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<td>County Courts, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£274,944</td>
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<tr>
<td>Land Registry</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>Public Trusts</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>Law Charges</td>
<td>£32,380</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>£21,072</td>
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<td>Scotland</td>
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<td>Polices</td>
<td>£2,174,770</td>
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<td>Prisons</td>
<td>£290,477</td>
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<td>Approved Schools</td>
<td>£133,000</td>
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<td>Fire Services</td>
<td>£240,908</td>
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<td>Scottish Land Court</td>
<td>£7,894</td>
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<td>Law Charges and Courts of Law</td>
<td>£86,244</td>
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<tr>
<td>Register House, Edinburgh</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>Ireland</td>
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<tr>
<td>Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c. (Northern Ireland)</td>
<td>£8,027</td>
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<tr>
<td>Irish Land Purchase Services</td>
<td>£591,410</td>
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**Total:** £24,538,823

### Question put, and agreed to.

#### Class II.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £19,276,534, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Foreign Office</td>
<td>£2,171,221</td>
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<td>Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &amp;c. (including a Supplementary sum of £30,000)</td>
<td>£8,062,247</td>
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<td>British Council</td>
<td>£1,779,000</td>
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<td>United Nations</td>
<td>£15,500</td>
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<td>International Refugee Organisation</td>
<td>£3,777,125</td>
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<td>Commonwealth Relations Office</td>
<td>£121,460</td>
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<td>Commonwealth Services</td>
<td>£514,785</td>
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<td>Commonwealth (India and Pakistan) Services (including a Supplementary sum of £401,600)</td>
<td>£975,518</td>
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<td>Overseas Settlement</td>
<td>£188,960</td>
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<td>Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories)</td>
<td>£189,000</td>
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<td>Imperial War Graves Commission</td>
<td>£596,678</td>
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**Total:** £19,276,534

### Question put, and agreed to.

#### Class III.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £24,538,823, 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 1949, for Vol. 203.

#### Class IV.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £140,319,978, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Ministry of Education</td>
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<td>British Museum</td>
<td>£173,947</td>
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<td>British Museum (Natural History)</td>
<td>£137,649</td>
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<td>Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>£18,694</td>
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<td>London Museum</td>
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<td>National Maritime Museum</td>
<td>£15,406</td>
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<td>National Portrait Gallery</td>
<td>£11,476</td>
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<td>Wallace Collection</td>
<td>£15,000</td>
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<td>Grants for Science and the Arts</td>
<td>£1,249,164</td>
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<td>Universities and Colleges, &amp;c., Great Britain</td>
<td>£6,494,000</td>
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<td>Broadcasting</td>
<td>£9,425,000</td>
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<td>Public Education</td>
<td>£14,155,310</td>
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<td>National Galleries</td>
<td>£15,457</td>
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<td>National Library</td>
<td>£7,397</td>
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**Total:** £140,319,978

### Question put, and agreed to.

#### Class V.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £399,360,162, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>National Health Service, England and Wales</td>
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<td>Registrar-General's Office</td>
<td>£298,424</td>
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<td>Ministry of Labour and National Service</td>
<td>£16,692,000</td>
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<td>Grants in respect of Employment Schemes</td>
<td>£650,000</td>
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<td>Ministry of National Insurance</td>
<td>£123,152,000</td>
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<td>National Assistance Board</td>
<td>£44,780,000</td>
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**Total:** £399,360,162
8. National Insurance Audit Department 102,310
9. Friendly Societies Registry 36,320
10. Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions 885,000
11. Ministry of Town and Country Planning 823,959
12. Central Land Board 230,000
13. National Health Service 14,739,000
14. Registrar-General's Office 44,082

Total: £309,369,162

Question put, and agreed to.

Class VI.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £59,176,346, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Board of Trade (including a Supplementary sum of £12,500) 7,044,230
2. Services in Development Areas 6,126,000
3. Financial Assistance in Development Areas 101,260
4. Export Credits - 90
5. Export Credits (Special Guarantees) - 18,500
6. Ministry of Fuel and Power 4,486,000
7. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands 41,749
8. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries 6,281,990
9. Surveys of Great Britain, &c. 1,379,179
10. Forestry Commission - 3,300,000
11. Development Fund - 694,000
12. Ministry of Transport - 1,511,600
13. Roads, &c. - 17,219,000
14. Mercantile Marine Services - 750,020
15. Development Grants - 35,290
16. State Management Districts - 90
17. Clearing Offices - 4,791
18. Scotland, Department of Agriculture - 2,002,481
19. Agriculture, Department of Agriculture (Food Production Services) - 6,886,250
20. Fisheries (including a Supplementary sum of £5,000) - 473,426
21. Herring Industry (including a Supplementary sum of £16,000) - 580,800
22. Miscellaneous Works Services - 2,879,555

Total: £59,176,346

Question put, and agreed to.

Class VII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £51,260,862, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Ministry of Works - 6,177,555
2. Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain - 579,905
3. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain - 480,010
4. Houses of Parliament Buildings - 107,625
5. Osborne - 26,335
6. Public Buildings, Great Britain - 24,199,550
7. Jellinek and Beatty Memorials - 18,500
8. Royal Palaces - 935,973
9. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens - 354,530
10. Miscellaneous Works Services - 2,879,555
11. Rates on Government Property - 6,978,045
12. Stationery and Printing - 5,809,337
13. Central Office of Information - 3,248,200
14. Peterhead Harbour - 35,000
15. Works and Buildings in Ireland - 17,875

Total: £51,260,862

Question put, and agreed to.

Class VIII.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £60,864,400, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Merchant Seamen's War Pensions - 157,900
2. Ministry of Pensions - 755,000
3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c. - 12,587,500
4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances (including a Supplementary sum of £7,500) - 5,877,500
5. Defence Services - 580,400

Total: £60,864,400

Question put, and agreed to.

Class IX.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £36,274,837, 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 1949, 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 - 31,014,000
2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland - 5,200,837

Total: £36,274,837

Question put, and agreed to.

Class X.

13. That a sum, not exceeding £68,860,517, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class X of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

3. Ministry of Transport (War Services) - 22,030,700
4. Ministry of Fuel and Power (War Services) - 4,375,200
5. Home Office (War Services) - 1,375,000
6. Foreign Office (German Section) - 30,000,000
7. Advances to Allies, &c. - 984,000
8. War Damage Commission - 60,845,400

Total: £68,860,517

Question put, and agreed to.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1948-49.

14. That a sum, not exceeding £127,734,390, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included
in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

1. Customs and Excise £5,540,300
2. Inland Revenue 14,017,990
3. Post Office 107,577,000

£127,134,390

Question put, and agreed to.


15. That a sum, not exceeding £4,211,654, 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 1949, for the salaries, and expenses of the Ministry of Defence.

Question put, and agreed to.

Navy Estimates, 1948–49.

16. That a sum, not exceeding £78,524,000, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

3. Medical Establishments and Services £1,453,000
5. Educational Services 621,000
6. Scientific Services 6,826,000
7. Royal Naval Reserves 646,000
8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c. £78,524,000

Question put, and agreed to.

Army Estimates, 1948–49.

17. That a sum, not exceeding £145,226,000, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

3. War Office £2,350,000
4. Civilians 39,146,000
5. Movements 29,000,000
6. Supplies, &c. 33,970,000
7. Stores 40,760,000

£145,226,000

Question put, and agreed to.

Air Estimates, 1948–49.

18. That a sum, not exceeding £47,650,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

2. Reserve and Auxiliary Services (to a number not exceeding 21,500, all ranks, for the Air Force Reserve and 14,500, all ranks, for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force) £725,000
3. Air Ministry 3,010,000
4. Civilians at Outstations 17,869,000

£47,650,000

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means, to itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Criminal Justice Bill to take into consideration the Reason assigned by the Lords for insisting on certain of their Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill to which this House hath disagreed, and for disagreeing to the Amendments made by this House in lieu thereof.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth not insist on its disagreement to certain of their Amendments on which the Lords have insisted, and doth not insist on its Amendments in lieu thereof to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Mr. Secretary Ede); and the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 23rd July, 1948:

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the a Mr. Simmons, Mr. Hannan : 215.
Tellers for the Mr. Mikardo, Noes, Mr. Pugel : 34.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House doth not insist on its disagreement to certain

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of their Amendments on which the Lords have insisted, and do not insist on its Amendments in lieu thereof to which the Lords have disagreed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations, dated 1st July 1948, entitled 'the National Health Service (Charges for Appliances) Regulations, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 1505)', a copy of which was presented on the 1st day of this instant July, be annulled—(Lord Willoughby de Eresby)—It passed in the Negative.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. 

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes after Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Service Bill [Lords];
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
Mr. Deputy Speaker called the attention of the House to the persistent irrelevance on the part of Mr. Solley, Member for the County of Essex (Thurrock Division), and directed him to discontinue his speech.
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.—(Mr. Simmons.)
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)
Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.
First and Second Schedules 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)
Clauses Nos. 1 to 102 agreed to.
First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Schedules 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 proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Darwen Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Egham 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven 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.

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 13th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Richard Adams);
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. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Rochdale 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.

St. Helens Corporation (Electricity and General Powers) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the St. Helens Corporation (Electricity and 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.

Whitstable Urban District Council Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Whitstable 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.

West Riding County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords].

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Riding County Council (General Powers) 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, and that the Bill be now read the third time—(The Deputy Chairman):—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Treaty Series (No. 49, 1948).

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Bagdad, on the 27th day of June 1948, between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Iraq, prolonging the Supplementary Financial Agreement of the 17th day of November 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Supplies and Services (Apparel and Textiles).

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd July 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Women’s and Maids’ Outerwear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd July 1948, entitled the Control of Hemp (No. 7) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Supplies and Services (Raw Materials).

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Pontypridd Urban District 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.

Local Government Superannuation.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1948, entitled the Essex Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1948, together with a Certificate by the Minister of Health under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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. Wilkins; 
Tellers for the Noes, Brigadier Mackeson;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Gas Bill, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gas Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 5, l. 24, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 5, l. 24, at end, insert (“ not less than one member shall be a worker, who has been employed in the gas industry, in the area covered by the undertakings taken over by the Area Board, and who by skill and experience has shown himself qualified for the post and ”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 5, l. 36, at end, insert— (“ (g) Not less than three members of the Board, including the Chairman and Deputy Chairman or one of them shall be required to render whole-time service to the Board.” ), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question next Amendment, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 29, l. 2, after “ (2) In the case of any class of securities ” insert “ (3) Not less than three members of the Board, including the Chairman and Deputy Chairman or one of them shall be required to render whole-time service to the Board.”, 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. Gaitskell);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson; Mr. Richard Adams; Mr. Joseph Henderson; Mr. Studholme; Major Conant;
Tellers for the Noes, Brigadier Mackeson;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 29, l. 2, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 29, l. 2, after (“ than ”) insert (“ a composite company ”), 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. 29, l. 14, leave out subsection (2) and insert— 
(“ (2) In the case of any class of securities of a company being a statutory or non-statutory undertaking or a gas holding company,
the value of securities of that class for the purposes of this section shall be deemed to be the amount of the reasonably maintainable annual income which could have been expected from those securities, if this Act had not been passed, multiplied by such number of years purchase as may be appropriate in order to secure the payment of fair compensation to the holders of the securities. The amount of the reasonably maintainable annual income and the number of years purchase shall be such as may be agreed between the Minister and the stockholders' representative or, in default of such agreement, as may be determined by arbitration under this Act.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Glenvil Hall);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Collindridge, 
Mr. Wilkins : 274.
Tellers for the Noes, 
Major Conant, 
Major Ramsay : 92.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 30, l. 1, leave out from the beginning to end of l. 41, 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. Glenvil Hall);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Collindridge, 
Mr. Wilkins : 274.
Tellers for the Noes, 
Major Conant, 
Major Ramsay : 92.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the first Amendment in p. 31, l. 16, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The first Lords Amendment in p. 31, l. 31, 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. 31, l. 16, by leaving out the word "six", and inserting the word "seven"—(Mr. Gaitskell)—instead thereof.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the first Amendment in p. 38, l. 31, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 40, l. 8, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 57, l. 46, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 73, l. 2, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 79, l. 39, being read a second time, were agreed to.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Robens);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Snow, 
Mr. George Wallace : 273.
Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Studholme, 
Brigadier Mackeson : 84.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 73, l. 2, after "undertaking" insert ("or to take part in any machinery for promoting industrial co-operation between employers and employed") 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. Robens);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Snow, 
Mr. George Wallace : 226.
Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Studholme, 
Major Conant : 91.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 79, l. 39, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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  
Mr. Popplewell:  
76.
Mr. Richard Adams:  
276.
Mr. Major Conant:  
273.
Mr. Major Ramsay:  
74.

The Noes to the Left.

The Yeas for the  
Mr. S. Popplewell:  
276.
Mr. Richard Adams:  
276.
Mr. Major Conant:  
273.
Mr. Major Ramsay:  
74.

The Yeas for the  
Mr. S. Popplewell:  
76.
Mr. Richard Adams:  
276.
Mr. Major Conant:  
273.
Mr. Major Ramsay:  
74.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 86, l. 18, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 90, l. 41, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 90, l. 41, after (“than”) insert (“a composite company 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 remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Bill:—And a Committee was nominated of Colonel Clarke, Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre, Mr. Gaittsek, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Sylvester.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee:—(Mr. Gaittsek).

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Representation of the People Bill; and the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 34, l. 23, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 34, l. 23, leave out from (“not,”) to (“at,”) in l. 24, and insert (“by way of supporting or opposing the candidature of any individual as against any other or others,”) the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, in l. 1, by leaving out the words “by way of,” and inserting the words “with a view to”—(Mr. Secretary Ede),—instead thereof, and, so amended, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 34, l. 29, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 34, l. 40, leave out from (“it,”) to end of l. 41 and insert (“by way of supporting or opposing the candidature of some individual as against some other or others,”) the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, in l. 1, by leaving out the words “by way of,” and inserting the words “with a view to”—(Mr. Secretary Ede),—instead thereof, and, so amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 70, l. 24, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 70, l. 24, at end, insert—

“(7) This section shall apply in relation to decisions on claims and objections with respect to any corrupt and illegal practices list as it applies in relation to the decisions mentioned in subsection (1) but as if a reference to that list were included in the reference to the electors lists and with any other prescribed modifications,”) 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. 70, l. 31, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 70, l. 35, leave out first (“to”) and insert (“and”) the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry, privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords: and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships: and hath made Amendments to trust of them, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Monopolies (Inquiry and Control) Bill (changed to Monopolies and Restrictive Practices (Inquiry and Control) Bill); and the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 8, l. 39, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 8, l. 39, at end insert (“and to any person who, whether in pursuance of a requirement under this section or not, furnishes estimates, returns or information to the Commission for the purposes of any such investigation as is referred to in the preceding provisions of this section”), 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. 8, l. 40, at end insert—
("Provided that the powers of the Commissioner under this subsection shall not be exercised in relation to the furnishing of estimates, returns or other information unless, according to their report, conditions to which this Act applies do not prevail in relation to the goods the subject matter of the reference."). 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 the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Ampthill, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Biggleswade, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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 Goole, a copy of which Order was presented on the 22nd day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Mr. Gaitskell 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 Gas 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. 5, l. 24, for the following Reason:—
Because the Amendment might fetter the Minister's power to make the most suitable appointments to Area Boards from among persons possessing the necessary general qualifications.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 5, l. 36, for the following Reason:—
Because a statutory requirement as to the number of whole-time members of Area Boards might unduly restrict the constitution of those Boards in the future.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 29, l. 14, p. 30, l. 1, p. 30, l. 42, p. 31, l. 3, the second Amendment in p. 31, l. 5, the third Amendment in p. 31, l. 5, p. 31, l. 6, p. 31, l. 22, p. 32, l. 1, p. 32, l. 30, and p. 86, l. 18, for the following Reason:—
Because the Bill provides a fairer and more expeditious method of assessing the compensation payable to stockholders than the Amendments.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 40, l. 8, for the following Reason:—
Because the Amendment is unnecessary and would in some cases be unduly restrictive.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 57, l. 46, for the following Reason:—
Because it is desirable that the moneys in the central guarantee funds should be invested in Government securities or securities guaranteed by the Treasury.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 73, l. 2, for the following Reason:—
Because the Bill already provides appropriate machinery for securing co-operation between employers and employed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 79, l. 39, for the following Reason:—
Because the Amendment is unnecessary and would have no effect.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 85, l. 3, for the following Reason:—
Because the Bill provides a fairer and more expeditious method of assessing the compensation payable to stockholders than the Amendments.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 86, l. 26, for the following Reason:—
Because the Amendment is unnecessary and would have no effect.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 90, l. 3, for the following Reason:—
Because the Amendment might fetter the Minister's power to make the most suitable appointments to Area Boards from among persons possessing the necessary general qualifications.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 105, l. 12, for the following Reason:—
Because the Amendment might fetter the Minister's power to make the most suitable appointments to Area Boards from among persons possessing the necessary general qualifications.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 109, l. 4, for the following Reason:—
Because the Amendment might fetter the Minister's power to make the most suitable appointments to Area Boards from among persons possessing the necessary general qualifications.

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker, and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—
The House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, at fourteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

[No. 167]
Tuesday, 27th July, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the several Amendments Standing Orders to Standing Orders relative to Private Business hereinafter stated in the Schedule be made:—

SCHEDULE.

Standing Order 39, p. 118, l. 20, after "Transport," insert "the Ministry of Food."
Standing Order 39, p. 119, leave out from beginning of l. 5 to end of l. 18, and insert—

"(6) Of every Bill relating to any company, body or person carrying on business in—

(a) a Dominion as defined in the Statute of Westminster, 1937, or any part of His Majesty's dominions or mandated territory or trust territory administered under the authority of the Government of any such Dominion; or

(b) India, Pakistan, Ceylon or Southern Rhodesia; or

(c) Basutoland, Bechuanaland Protectorate or Swaziland;

at the Commonwealth Relations Office;

(7) Of every Bill relating to any company, body or person carrying on business in—

(a) any part of His Majesty's dominions outside the United Kingdom and not mentioned in the last preceding paragraph; or

(b) a British protectorate or protected state or the New Hebrides; or

(c) a trust territory administered under the authority of the Government of the United Kingdom;

at the Colonial Office;

(8) Of every Bill relating to any company, body or person carrying on business in the Sudan, at the Foreign Office.

Standing Order 217, p. 215, leave out from beginning of l. 8 to end of l. 20, and insert—

"every Conferring Bill after having been read a second time and committed shall stand referred to the Committee of Selection, and be subject to the Standing Orders regulating the proceeding upon Private Bills so far as they are applicable; and the proceedings of the Committee to whom the Bill is referred by the Committee of Selection shall be subject to the Rules and Orders relating to Private Bills, so far as they are applicable; subject, however, to the following modifications—"

Standing Order 243, p. 234, l. 25, leave out from "within," to "shall," in l. 28, and insert "a period of four days beginning—"

(a) with the day on which the report of the Chairman is laid before Parliament under subsection (5) of section 3 of the Special Procedure Act; or

(b) if the report is so laid on different days, with the later of the two days; and copies of any such notice."

Standing Order 243, p. 234, l. 31, leave out "three," and insert "four."

Appendix A, p. 239, l. 14, at end, insert—

"Where the Bill proposes to include a clause to the same effect as paragraph (4) of the Second Schedule to the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Act 1946, the following paragraph should be substituted for the last paragraph of the foregoing notice—"

"We also beg to inform you that it is intended that the Act shall exclude section 92 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and shall substitute therefor a provision restricting the power of acquiring compulsorily a part only of a house, building or manufactory to cases where the part can be taken without material detriment to the house, building or manufactory and restricting the power of acquiring compulsorily a part only of a park or garden belonging to a house to cases where the part can be taken without seriously affecting the amenity or convenience of the house."

—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Glenvil Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of an Order, dated 26th July 1948, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments) (Peru) Order, 1948.

Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Act, 1948 (Isle of Man) Order, 1948.

Account for the year ended the 31st day of December 1947, 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 under the Acts relating to Post Office Savings Banks, and the Expenses incurred in the execution of those Acts—

And an Account for the year ended the 20th day of November 1947, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the names of the National Debt Commissioners to the Credit of the Fund for the Banks for Savings, and the Interest paid and credited to Trustees of Savings Banks: also showing the Expenses incurred in the Execution of the Acts relating to Savings Banks:—And an Account for the year ended the 20th day of November 1947, 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.

Statement of Guarantee, given by the Transport Treasury on the 23rd day of July 1948, on stock issued by the British Transport Commission under the Transport Act, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Transport be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Prisons, Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons for 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant Army to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Territorial Army). Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant Fire Services to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Scotland). Copy of Regulations, dated 26th July 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Grant) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 26th July 1948, entitled—
(1) the Glass Tumblers (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948,
(2) the Enamelled Hollow-ware (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948, and
(3) the Toys and Indoor Games (Maximum Prices and Records) Order, 1948.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Beam 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) Barrow-in-Furness County Borough Council.
(2) Rochdale Town Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 22nd July 1948, entitled the Training of Teachers Grant Regulations, 1948, and
(2) dated 23rd July 1948, entitled the State Scholarships (Mature Students) Amending Regulations No. 1, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaac presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 23rd July 1948, entitled the Dredge Corn (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948,
(2) dated 23rd July 1948, entitled the Home Grown Beans and Threshed Feeding Peas (Sack Charges) Order, 1948,
(3) dated 23rd July 1948, entitled the Rye (Control and Prices) (Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948,
(4) dated 23rd July 1948, entitled the Dredge Corn (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948,
(5) dated 26th July 1948, entitled the Rice (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1943 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948,
(6) dated 26th July 1948, entitled the Bread (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947 (Amendment) Order, 1948, and
(7) dated 26th July 1948, entitled the ware Potatoes (1948 Crop) (No. 1) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Electricity, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th July 1948, entitled the Electricity (Conversion Date) (No. 3) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th July 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Local Advisory Committees) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Motions for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 8, showing the date of such Motion, the name of the Member proposing the definite matter of urgent public importance, and the result of any Division taken thereon during Session 1947-48. (The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 26 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1947-48. (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:—

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<td>Question before Committee moved and by whom.</td>
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Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Public Petitions presented and printed in Session 1947–48, with the total number of signatures in that Session.

—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Select a Return of the number of Select Committees Committees appointed in Session 1947–48, the Chairman's Panel and the Court of Referees; the subjects of inquiry; the names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the number of days each Committee met, and the number of days each Member attended; the total expense of the attendance of witnesses at each Select Committee, and the name of the Member who moved for such Select Committee; also the total number of Members who served on Select Committees.

—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Sittings of the House and Business of Supply.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Standing a Return for Session 1947–48 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 Estimates considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, the number of days on which each Committee sat and the titles of all Bills and Estimates considered, 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, the number of Members present on each of those days and, in the case of the Estimates, the number of days on which they were considered and the number of Members present on each of those days.

—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Mr. Peake reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and Appendices; And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, that they had made further progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on the 16th and the 23rd days of March last, the 9th, the 15th, the 22nd and the 29th days of April last, the 6th and the 23rd days of May last, and the 9th day of June last, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Viant reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions, that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 14th day of May last and the 3rd day of June 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.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., have leave to make a Special Report.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., to the effect, That the Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by the House to the Development of Inventions Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Development of Inventions Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That this day Business other than Business of the the business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock; and that if the first two Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply on the 22nd day of this instant July shall have been agreed to before half an hour after Nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker shall proceed to put forthwith the Questions which he is directed to put at half an hour after Nine of the clock by paragraph (7) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Business of put, That the Proceedings on Government the 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.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wilkins; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme; So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee of Supply [30th Supply of the 22nd day of this instant July, allotted day] several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.

1. That a sum, not exceeding £104,497,993, Services be granted to His Majesty to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with Rural Water Supplies for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, namely—

Class V, Vote 1, Ministry of Health: £57,452,720
Class V, Vote 13, Department of Health for Scotland: £8,181,010
Class VI, Vote 9, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Fish Food Production Services): £36,341,010
Class VI, Vote 18, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research: £2,523,103

Total: £104,497,993

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £68,189,793, Services be granted to His Majesty to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with Civil Aviation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, namely—

Class VI, Vote 16, Ministry of Civil Aviation: £17,186,783
Class X, Vote 1, Ministry of Supply: £51,000,010

Total: £68,189,793

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.

3. That a sum, not exceeding £185,615,010, Services be granted to His Majesty to complete the sums relating to Colonial Affairs.
necessary to defray the charges for the following services relating to Colonial Affairs with particular reference to Economic Development for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1948-49.

Class I.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £7,492,567, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. House of Lords — £55,046
2. House of Commons (including a Supplementary sum of £334) — £583,267
3. Registration of Electors — £155,000
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments — £1,896,795
5. Privy Council Office — £20,039
6. Privy Seal Office — £6,640
7. Charity Commission — £42,813
8. Civil Service Commission — £366,450
9. Exchequer and Audit Department — £243,940
10. Government Actuary — £20,404
11. Government Chemist — £114,228
12. Government Hospitality — £15,000
13. The Mint — £90
14. National Debt Office — £734,990
15. National Savings Committee — £170,000
17. Public Record Office — £29,405
18. Public Works Loan Commission — £105,000
19. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund — £2,046,090
20. Royal Commissions, &c. — £1,300,000
21. Secret Service — £2,174,170
22. Tithe Redemption Commission — £90
23. Miscellaneous Expenses — £744,195
24. Scottish Home Department (including a Supplementary sum of £10) — £399,649

£7,492,567

Class II.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £19,276,534, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Foreign Office — £2,171,221
2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c. (including a Supplementary sum of £150,000) — £8,622,247
3. British Council — £1,770,000
4. United Nations — £15,500
5. International Refugee Organisation — £3,777,125

£19,276,534

Class III.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £24,538,823, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Home Office — £1,407,090
2. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum — £99,200
3. Police, England and Wales — £10,584,725
4. Prisons, England and Wales — £2,046,090
5. Child Care, England and Wales — £3,307,900
6. Fire Services, England and Wales — £7,397
7. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. — £1,249,164
8. County Courts, &c. — £8,027
9. Land Registry — £90
10. Public Trustee — £90
11. Law Charges — £322,380
12. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses — £21,672

£24,538,823

Class IV.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £40,319,978, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

2. British Museum — £173,977
3. British Museum (Natural History) — £137,049
4. Imperial War Museum — £18,904
5. London Museum — £8,395
6. National Gallery — £38,676
8. National Portrait Gallery — £81,576
9. Wallace Collection — £15,230
10. Grants for Science and the Arts — £1,249,104
11. Universities and Colleges, &c. — £1,748,050
12. Great Britain — £6,494,000
13. Scotland — £9,425,000

£40,319,978

Class V.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £390,359,162, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

2. National Health Service, England and Wales £107,425,000
3. Registrar-General’s Office 298,500
4. Ministry of Labour and National Service 16,692,000
5. Grants in respect of Employment Schemes 600,000
6. Ministry of National Insurance 123,125,000
7. National Assistance Board 44,780,000
8. National Insurance Audit Department 102,310
9. Friendly Societies Registry 36,320
10. Widows’, Orphans’ and Old Age Contributory Pensions 88,000
11. Ministry of Town and Country Planning 821,950
12. Central Land Board 230,000
13. Forestry Commission 11,000
14. National Health Service 14,250,000
15. Registrar-General’s Office 44,082

£309,369,162

Class VI.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £59,176,346, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Board of Trade (including a Supplementary sum of £12,500) £7,044,281
2. Services in Development Areas 6,126,000
3. Financial Assistance in Development Areas 101,260
4. Export Credits 90
5. Export Credits (Special Guarantees) 18,500
6. Ministry of Fuel and Power 4,480,000
7. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands 41,749
8. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries 6,281,599
10. Surveys of Great Britain, &c. 1,379,170
11. Forestry Commission 3,500,000
12. Development Fund 684,000
13. Ministry of Transport 1,311,600
14. Roads, &c. 17,219,000
15. Mercantile Marine Services 730,020
16. Development Grants 35,990
19. State Management Districts 90
20. Clearing Offices 4,791
Scotland.
21. Department of Agriculture 2,062,481
22. Department of Agriculture (Food Production Services) 6,805,250
23. Fisheries (excluding a Supplementary sum of £3,000) 473,426
24. Herring Industry (including a Supplementary sum of £160,000) 580,800

£59,176,346

Class VII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £51,269,862, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Ministry of Works 6,177,355
2. Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain 570,905
3. Houses of Parliament Buildings 480,010
4. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain 107,425
5. Osborne 20,353
6. Public Buildings, Great Britain 24,199,359
6A. Jellicoe and Beatty Memorials 18,300
7. Public Buildings Overseas 1,024,605
8. Royal Palaces 255,775
9. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens 354,339
10. Miscellaneous Works Services 2,870,555
11. Rates on Government Property 6,787,045
12. Stationery and Printing 5,899,337
13. Central Office of Information 2,249,900
14. Peterhead Harbour 35,000
15. Works and Buildings in Ireland 117,917

£51,269,862

Class VIII.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £60,545,400, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions 157,000
2. Ministry of Pensions 56,345,000
3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c. 755,000
4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances (including a Supplementary sum of £7,500) 3,587,500

£60,545,400

Class IX.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £36,274,837, 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 1949, 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 31,014,000
2. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland 5,260,837

£36,274,837

Class X.

13. That a sum, not exceeding £68,860,517, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class X of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

3. Ministry of Transport (War Services) 22,030,700
4. Ministry of Fuel and Power (War Services) 1,375,000
5. Home Office (War Services) 4,375,000
6. Foreign Office (German Section) 19,795,617
7. Advances to Allies, &c. 20,353,000
8. War Damage Commission 98,000

£68,860,517
Revenue Departments Estimates, 1948-49.

14. That a sum, not exceeding £27,134,390, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
<td>£14,017,090</td>
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<td>3. Post Office</td>
<td>£107,577,000</td>
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Ministry of Defence Estimate, 1948-49.

15. That a sum, not exceeding £421,654, 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 1949, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence.

Army Estimates, 1948-49.

16. That a sum, not exceeding £78,524,000, 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 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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<td>3. Medical Establishments and Services</td>
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<td>5. Educational Services</td>
<td>£621,000</td>
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<td>6. Scientific Services</td>
<td>£6,802,000</td>
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<td>7. Royal Naval Reserves</td>
<td>£640,000</td>
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<td>8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance,...</td>
<td><strong>£78,524,000</strong></td>
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Air Estimates, 1948-49.

18. That a sum, not exceeding £47,650,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

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<td>2. Reserve and Auxiliary Services (to a number not exceeding 21,500, all ranks, for the Air Force Reserve and 14,500, all ranks, for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force)</td>
<td>£725,000</td>
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<td>3. Air Ministry</td>
<td>£3,010,000</td>
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Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1948-49.

Class I.

Central Government and Finance.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class I of the Civil Estimates;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class II.

Foreign and Imperial.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class II of the Civil Estimates;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class III.

Home Department, Law and Justice.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class III of the Civil Estimates;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Class IV.
Education and Broadcasting.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class IV of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class V.
Health, 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 Resolutions reported in respect of Class X of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1948-49.

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.

Ministry of Defence Estimate, 1948-49.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Ministry of Defence Estimate:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Navy Estimates, 1948-49.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Navy Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Army Estimates, 1948-49.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Army Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Air Estimates, 1948-49.

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. George Wallace reported from the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means of the 22nd day of this instant July, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, the sum of £5,534,682,776 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.

And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Glenvil Hall do prepare and bring it in:

Mr. Glenvil Hall accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Service Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 62 agreed to.

First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Schedules agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Draft National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Colliery Workers Supplementary Scheme) Order, 1948, a copy of which...
was presented on the 7th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Steele);
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

**Wednesday, 28th July, 1948:**

And the Question being put;

**Resolved,** That the Draft National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Colliery Workers Supplementary Scheme) Order, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 7th day of this instant July, be approved.

**Resolved,** That the Draft of the Special Order proposed to be made by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 to 1934, on the application of the Sheffield and District Gas Company, which was presented on the 12th day of this instant July and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

**Adjournment.**

**Resolved,** That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Collindridge.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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**[No. 168.]**

**Wednesday, 28th July, 1948.**

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

**ORDERED,** That Standing Order 208 relating to Private Business (Notice of consideration of Lords Amendments) be suspended; and that the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill be now taken into consideration.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the said Amendments; 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.

**Petroleum.**

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1948, entitled the Petroleum-Spirit (Conveyance) Regulations, 1948.

**Ordered,** That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

**Treaty Series**

(No. 56, 1948).

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Brussels, on the 7th day of June 1948, between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Belgium constituting an Agreement for Reciprocal Compensation in respect of War Damage.

**Ordered,** That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board Constructional Scheme No. 5 (Sloy Transmission Lines).

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th July 1948, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 5) Confirmation Order, 1948.

**Ordered,** That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th July 1948, entitled the Barley (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948.

**Ordered,** That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, by His Majesty's Electricity Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee to study the Electricity Peak Load problem in relation to non-industrial consumers.

Mr. Gaitskell also presented, pursuant to the Electricity directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1948, entitled the Electricity Commissioners (Dissolution) Order, 1948.

**Ordered,** That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Orders, dated 27th July 1948, entitled—

(1) the Barley (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948,

(2) the Oats (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1948,

(3) the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Great Britain) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948,

(4) the Barley (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948,

(5) the Oats (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1948, and

(6) the Wheat (Control and Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948.

**Ordered,** That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


(1) the Town and Country Planning (Building Preservation Order) Regulations, 1948, and

(2) the Town and Country Planning (Development Plans) Regulations, 1948.

**Ordered,** That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Standing Order (Closure of Debate).

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Adjudgment Motions under the Standing Order (Motion for Adjudgment on matter of urgent public importance).

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Standing Order (Closure of Debate).

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Public Bills and Private Business.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Public Bills.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Public Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Select Committees.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Select Committees.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 26th July 1948, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Companies), 1948.

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 the 17th day of June last and subsequent days, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee D on the 1st and the 29th days of June last, and the 6th day of July, with an Appendix: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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It is with profound regret that after forty-
two years (twenty-seven of which have been 
spent at the Table) I now leave the service of 
the House. Even if my acknowledgment must 
be in many cases retrospective, I cannot lay 
down my office without taking this opportu-
nity to express to you, Sir, your predecessors, 
and the other occupants of the Chair, to 
Members of all parties in the eleven parliaments 
I have known, and to my colleagues, past and 
present, my gratitude for the many acts of 
courtesy and consideration with which you and 
they have lightened the burden of my official 
duties.

I feel I can say with confidence that the 
department in which I have had the honour to 
serve, and recently to direct, will continue to 
maintain its honourable tradition of service 
to the House.

I am, Sir, 
Your obedient Servant,

GILBERT CAMPION.
The Right Honourable The Speaker.

Mr. Herbert Morrison at the Bar acquainted 
the House, That he had a Message from His 
Majesty to this House signed by His Majesty's 
own hand:—And he presented the same to the 
House, and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the 
Members of the House being uncovered) ; and 
is as followeth :

St. Stephen's Hall not being conveniently 
available for the meeting of the House of 
Commons on the day to which Parliament shall 
stand prorogued, His Majesty intends to open 
the next Session of Parliament in the present 
Parliament Chamber; and it is His Majesty's 
pleasure that the House of Commons shall then 
meet in the Chamber now assigned to them as 
their place of sitting.

GEORGE R.

Ordered, That His Majesty's most gracious 
Message be taken into consideration to-morrow. 
(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Standing Orders 
(Revision).

Ordered, That the Report from the Select 
Committee on Standing Orders (Revision) be 
now taken into consideration.—(The Chairman 
of Ways and Means):—The House accordingly 
proceeded to take the said Report into 
consideration.

Ordered, That the present Standing Orders 
relating to Public Business be repealed; and 
that the Orders recommended by the Select 
Committee and set out in the Appendix to the 
said Report be adopted as the Standing Orders 
of the House relating to Public Business, 
subject to the following alteration:—

Proposed Standing Order No. 16, I. 48, at 
end, insert “and the ministry of defence.”— 
(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund 
(Appropriation) Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question 
being proposed, That the Bill be now read a 
second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit 
till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday 
morning;

Thursday, 29th July, 1948:

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed 
Question put, pursuant to S.O. (Closure 
of Debate). Division (No 
Tellers for the Noes).

Mr. Simmons and Mr. Richard Adams were 
appointed Tellers for the Yeas, but no Member 
being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, 
Mr. Speaker declared that the Yeas had it.

And the Question being accordingly 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 
proposed, That an humble Address be presented 
to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations, 
dated 18th June 1948, entitled the Town and 
Country Planning. (Erection of Industrial 
1309), a copy of which was presented on the 
21st day of June last, be annulled.—(Mr. 
Walker-Smith):—The said Motion was, with 
leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn, Adjournment. 
—(Mr. Simmons.)

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till seven minutes after 
One of the clock on Thursday morning, 
adjourned till this day.

[No: 169.]

Thursday, 29th July, 1948.

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 Parlia-
ment,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th July 
1948, entitled the Fire Services (Ranks and 
Conditions of Service) (No. 4) Regulations, 
1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th July 1948, 
entitled the Supreme Court Rules 
(Northern Ireland) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order made by the Governor of 
Northern Ireland in Council, on the 26th day 
of July 1948, entitled the Supreme Court Rules 
(Northern Ireland) Order in Council, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the 
Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His 
Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Housing 
Return for Scotland, dated 30th June 1948.
Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th July 1948, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (Medical Practices Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1948. Copies of Regulations, dated 28th July 1948, entitled—
(1) the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948,
(2) the Town and Country Planning (Churches, Buildings for Religious Worship and Burial Grounds) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, and
(3) the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1948, entitled the Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 13) Order, 1948. Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1948, entitled the Cotton (Single Yarn) (Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948. 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 30th June 1948. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947. Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

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 Beverley Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West Riding County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Monday the 17th day of September next.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)
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. 32, l. 33, leave out from beginning to end of line 35 and insert—"(a) the total sales of gas by the company in the year nineteen hundred and forty-three or in either of the two succeeding years as shown in the "), the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.
Schedules A, B and C agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. Cliffon Brown, Speaker.)

Supplies and Services (Apparel and Textiles).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 6th July 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Men's Youths' and Boys' Outerwear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 1501), a copy of which was presented on the 6th day of this instant July, be annulled—(Mr. Piratin) ;—It passed in the Negative.

Poisons.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Rules, dated 23rd June 1948, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 1379), a copy of which was presented on the 24th day of June last, be annulled—(Mr. Edward Smith) ;—And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 30th July, 1948:

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 a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 170.]

Friday, 30th July, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Return relative to Public Bills, which was presented to this House on the 28th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Standing Committees, which was presented to this House on the 28th day of this instant July, be printed.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press on the Thirty-third Day (the 12th day of May 1948).

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 Regulations, dated 29th July 1948, entitled the Local Government (Travelling Allowances, etc.) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 30th July 1948, entitled—

(1) the Narrow Fabrics (Maximum Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Rubber Hot Water Bottles (Maximum Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1948, Supplies and Services (Consumer Rationing) (Amendment) (No. 10) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to Agriculture, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th July 1948, entitled the Agriculture (Special Directions) (Delegation to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the Local directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th July 1948, entitled the Local Government (Members' Allowances) Regulations, 1948.
Copy of a Scheme made by the Gosport Town Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of the Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first Annual Reports of the Metropolitan Water Board for the years ended the 31st day of March 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1944.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 29th July 1948, entitled the Teachers Superannuation Amending Rules, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being again proposed, Adjournment.

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 the said Acts, as follow:

13. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1948.
31. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Sheffield) Act, 1948.
32. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Stockton-on-Tees) Act, 1948.
33. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Gloucester) Act, 1948.
34. Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Shrewsbury) Act, 1948.
41. Ipswich Corporation Act, 1948.
42. Merthyr Tydfil Corporation Act, 1948.
44. Darwen Corporation Act, 1948.
46. Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Act, 1948.
47. Rochdale Corporation Act, 1948.
52. West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1948.
53. London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1948.

And the Question being again proposed, Adjournment. That this House do now adjourn; 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. George Wallace)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at 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 Standing Order, till Monday the 13th day of September next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[No. 171.]
Monday, 13th September, 1948.

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 Evan Frank Motttram Darbin, esquire, Member for the Borough of Edmonton, 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.—Communications declaring that copies of the undermentioned Statutory Instruments have yet to be laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies have not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments):—

Orders,—
(1) dated 31st July 1948, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948, and
(2) dated 14th August 1948, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948.


The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copies of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on the Press—
(1) on the Thirty-fourth Day (the 13th day of May 1948),
(2) on the Thirty-fifth Day (the 26th day of May 1948),

(3) on the Thirty-sixth Day (the 27th day of May 1948),
(4) on the Thirty-seventh Day (the 6th day of June 1948), and
(5) on the Thirty-eighth Day (the 10th day of June 1948).

Copy of a Convention on the International Recognition of Rights in Aircraft, signed at Geneva on the 19th day of June 1948. (This Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.)
Copy of a Cultural Convention between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands Government (with Notes exchanged), signed at the Hague on the 7th day of July 1948. (This Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.)
Copy of a Treaty of Peace with Italy, signed Treaty Series at Paris on the 10th day of February 1947.
Copy of Maps annexed to the Treaty of Treaty Series Peace with Italy, signed at Paris on the 10th day of February 1947.
Copy of a Treaty of Peace with Finland, Treaty Series signed at Paris on the 10th day of February 1947.
Copy of a Payments Agreement between the Treaty Series Governments of the United Kingdom and of (No. 57, 1948), the Republic of Chile (with Notes exchanged), signed at Santiago on the 24th day of June 1948.
Copy of a Payments Agreement between the Treaty Series Governments of the United Kingdom and of (No. 58, 1948), the Republic of Peru, signed at Lima on the 20th day of July 1948.
Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington, Treaty Series between the 23rd day of October 1946 and the 23rd day of January 1947, between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America for mutual forbearance concerning Claims against Members and Civilian Employees of their respective Armed Forces (with Annex and Appendix).
Copy of a Summary of Statistics relating to Criminal Police apprehensions and Criminal Proceedings Statistics in Scotland for the years 1939 to 1945.
Copy of a Trade Agreement between His Eire, Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Eire, signed at Dublin on the 31st day of July 1948.
Copy of the Annual Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.
Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st Housing, July 1948.
Copy of the Report of a Court of Inquiry Trade appointed to inquire into a dispute between Disputes.
the Engineering and Allied Employers National Federation and the Confederation of Engineering and Shipbuilding Unions.

Copy of the Final Act of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1948, with Annexes including the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, signed at London on the 10th day of June 1948.


The following Papers, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before this House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) were ordered to lie upon the Table:

31st July 1948:
- Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1948, entitled the Toys and Indoor Games (Maximum Prices and Records) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

3rd August 1948:
- Copy of an Order, dated 31st July 1948, entitled the Imperial Trade Agreements (Reduction of Rates) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st July 1948, entitled the Ottawa Duties (Geneva Agreement) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st July 1948, entitled the Import Duties (Imperial Preference) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st July 1948, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 2) Order, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th July 1948, entitled the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 9) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st July 1948, entitled the Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1948, entitled the Utility Handkerchiefs (Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd August 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) Order, 1948.


Copy of an Order, dated 14th August 1948, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 16th August 1948, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 66) Order, 1948.


Copy of an Order, dated 31st July 1948, entitled the Tobacco Duty (Relief for Pensioners) Regulations, 1948.

5th August 1948:
- Copy of an Order in Council, dated 5th August 1948, entitled the Diplomatic Privileges (General Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 5th August 1948, entitled the Defence Regulations (No. 7) Order, 1948.


6th August 1948:
- Copies of Orders, dated 5th August 1948, entitled:
  (1) the Stockfeed Potatoes (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948, and
  (2) the Cheese (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948.

9th August 1948:

Copy of an Order, dated 7th August 1948, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (National Pigeon Mixture) Order, 1948.

10th August 1948:
- Copy of an Order, dated 10th August 1948, entitled the Miscellaneous Goods (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th August 1948, entitled the Coal Tar Products Prices (Amendment) Order, 1948.

12th August 1948:
- Copy of Regulations, dated 10th August 1948, entitled the Superannuation (War-time Interruption of Service) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 6th August Supreme Court (Companies) (No. 2) 1948.

13th August 1948:
- Copy of an Order, dated 13th August 1948, entitled the Silk Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 12th August 1948, entitled the Canned Fruit and Vegetables Services (Food), (No. 2) Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 12th August 1948, entitled:
(1) the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Sugar and Preserves (Rationing) Order, 1948.

16th August 1948:
- Copy of an Order, dated 14th August 1948, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948.

18th August 1948:
- Copy of an Order, dated 16th August 1948, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 66) Order, 1948.

19th August 1948:
- Copies of Orders, dated 18th August 1948, entitled:
  (1) the Upholstery Cloth (Utility) (Amendment) Order, 1948, and
  (2) the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

21st August 1948:
- Copy of an Order, dated 20th August 1948, Electricity, entitled the Electricity (Conversion Date) (No. 4) Order, 1948.

23rd August 1948:
- Copy of an Order, dated 20th August 1948, entitled the Pigs (Sales) Order, 1948.

24th August 1948:
- Copies of Orders, dated 23rd August 1948, entitled:
  (1) the Footwear (Rubber and Industrial) Revocation Order, 1948, and...
Supplies and Services (Mechanical Lighters).

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd August 1948, entitled the Mechanical Lighters (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Supplies and Services (Perambulators).

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd August 1948, entitled the Perambulators (Control of Supply) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

25th August 1948:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 21st August 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) (Amendment) No. 2 Regulations, 1948.

Supplies and Services (Price Control).

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd August 1948, entitled the Price Control (Special Producers) Licence, 1948.

Supplies and Services (Food).

Copy of an Order, dated 24th August 1948, entitled the Chocolate, Sugar Confectionery and Cocoa Products (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1944 (Amendment No. 8) Order, 1948.

27th August 1948:—

Copy of an Order, dated 26th August 1948, entitled the Utility Furniture (Buying Permits) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

28th August 1948:—

Copy of an Order, dated 27th August 1948, entitled the Woolen Cloth (Wool and Animal Fibre) (Manufacture, Marking and Supply) (Amendment) No. 2 Order, 1948.

Supplies and Services (Consumer Rationing).

Copy of a Licence, dated 27th August 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Special Producers) Licence, 1948.

Supplies and Services (Consumer Rationing).

Copy of a Licence and Order, dated 26th August 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Supply of Civilian Uniforms and Protective Clothing) Licence and Order, 1948.

Supplies and Services (Raw Materials).

Copy of an Order, dated 27th August 1948, entitled the Newspoint (Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

30th August 1948:—

Copy of an Order, dated 27th August 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Infants' and Girls' Wear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1948.

Supplies and Services (Food).

Copy of an Order, dated 27th August 1948, entitled the Tea (Prices) Order, 1948.

31st August 1948:—

Copy of an Order, dated 31st August 1948, entitled the Seed Potatoes (Export) (Charges) Order, 1948.

Import Duties (Drawback).

Copy of an Order, dated 31st August 1948, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 6) Order, 1948.

1st September 1948:—

Goods and Services (Price Control).

Goods and Services (Price Control) (No. 2) Order, 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

3rd September 1948:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd September 1948, entitled the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations, 1948.

4th September 1948:—

Supplies and Services (Food).

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd September 1948, entitled the Seed Potatoes (1948 Crop) Order, 1948.

6th September 1948:—

Copy of an Order, dated 6th September 1948, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 7) Order, 1948.

7th September 1948:—

Goods and Services (Price Control).

Copy of an Order, dated 6th September 1948, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 23) Order, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 1st September 1948, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Change of Operating Centre) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th September 1948, entitled the Chicory (Control) Order, 1942 (Revocation) Order, 1948.

8th September 1948:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 7th September 1948, entitled the Special Contribution Regulations, 1948.


9th September 1948:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 8th September 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Hospital Accounts and Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 8th September 1948, entitled the Central Welsh Board Amending and Revocation Regulations, 1948.

10th September 1948:—

Copy of an Order, dated 10th September 1948, entitled the Additional Import Duties (Additional), (No. 3) Order, 1948.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement (No. 61, 1948), between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America for the Settlement of the Lend-Lease Interest in Future Sales of Surplus Stores in the Middle East (with Appendix), signed at London on the 7th day of January 1948.

Copy of an Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America for the Settlement of Claims under the Specific Agreements of the 27th day of March 1946.

Copy of the Final Articles Revision Convention Treaty Series, 1949, adopted by the International Labour Conference at Montreal, on the 9th day of October 1946.

Copy of an Additional Protocol to the Paris Treaty Series Agreement of the 14th day of January 1946 (No. 15, 1948), on Reparation from Germany, on the Establishment of an Inter-Alled Reparation Agency and on the Restitution of Monetary Gold, signed at Brussels on the 15th day of March 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Territorial Army). Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for Army. (Territorial Army). 1935.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of an Order, dated 3rd September 1948, defining the officers of the regular air force who shall be considered to be on the active list within the meaning of paragraph (1) of section 175 of the Air Force Act, and rescinding the order of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, dated 8th August 1921. 

Copy of an Amendment to the Rules of Procedure (Air Force) 1933.

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 a Petition and Draft Charter relating to the incorporation of North Staffordshire University College.

Copy of an Amending Scheme for administering certain funds of Oxford University.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burns presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Report of the formal proceedings taken under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended the 27th day of July 1948.

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 Essex Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1948.

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 Return to the Lord Chancellor showing the Number of Visits made, and the Number of Patients seen by the several Commissioners of the Board of Control during the six months ended the 30th day of June 1948.

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.

Copy of a Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of Bishopwearmouth; Saint Thomas, Bishopwearmouth; Sunderland and Saint John, Sunderland, in the diocese of Durham.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table:—


Ordered, That the said Paper 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 ending economic difficulties have gravely delayed the recovery of all the countries of the eastern hemisphere. Through the sustained energies of My people in achieving a great and continuing expansion of exports and their resolute acceptance of a prolonged period of inevitable difficulty, progress has been made in redressing the adverse balance of payments. But world circumstances—including a persistent rise in the price of many commodities essential to our economy—have proved unfavourable, and further effort and sacrifice will be needed if the problem is to be surmounted. A great contribution towards lessening our dependence on imports has been made by our agricultural industry, all sections of which have responded to the call for increased production. In the face of world shortages My Ministers have vigorously sought both to establish new sources of supply of foodstuffs and to safeguard the future by entering into long-term agreements with overseas countries.

The way before us is still hard, and it is only with courage and endurance, and by intensifying our present efforts, that we can, under God, overcome our difficulties and attain to that degree of prosperity and well-being for which we all hope.

In these anxious times we have all been encouraged by the far-sighted and generous action of the United States of America in extending financial assistance to the United Kingdom and other European countries. It is the policy of My Government to work with the Government of the United States and with other European Governments to bring about the fullest possible measure of European recovery by the wise use both of our own resources and of the aid afforded us. To this end they have entered into the Convention for European Economic Co-operation, and have signed the Economic Co-operation Agreement with the United States.

Close links have been forged with our neighbours in Western Europe. A Treaty of Economic, Social and Cultural Collaboration and Collective Self-Defence has been signed with the Governments of Belgium, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands; permanent
machinery for the co-ordination of defence with those countries has been established; and satisfactory progress is being made with the other matters dealt with in the Treaty. It is My prayer that out of these hopeful beginnings will develop an increasing degree of union between all the countries of Western Europe; and that ultimately, in furtherance of the aims of the United Nations, they may, with their common heritage of culture and freedom, constitute an area of peace, prosperity and ordered progress, in association with the peoples of My Commonwealth overseas and with the United States of America.

My Government, together with the United States and French Governments and in cooperation with the Heads of the Governments of the Western German States, have concluded political, economic and financial measures to enable Western Germany to play her part in the community of European nations. My Government are still doing their utmost to reach an agreement with the Soviet Union on fundamental problems affecting Germany as a whole.

My beloved daughter, Princess Elizabeth, together with the Duke of Edinburgh, paid an official visit to the French Republic in May. The affectionate reception which they were accorded formed a heartening demonstration of our good relations with our nearest Continental neighbour.

I have been happy to welcome to the United Kingdom the Prime Minister of Australia. My Ministers in the United Kingdom greatly valued this opportunity of personal discussions with him. These have already led to economic arrangements of advantage to both countries, and I have learned with pleasure of the gift which My Government in Australia have made to My Government in the United Kingdom.

I am gratified that arrangements have been made for a general meeting of My Prime Ministers to be held in London in October.

A comprehensive trade agreement between the United Kingdom and Eire has recently been signed. This agreement will, I am confident, prove to be of benefit to both countries, and will further contribute to the growth of friendly relations between them.

My Government in the United Kingdom have concluded mutually satisfactory agreements on financial matters with My Governments in India and Pakistan.

During the past year, Ceylon has become a fully self-governing Member of the Commonwealth. I wish her people all happiness and prosperity and I trust that her relations with the other nations of the Commonwealth will be close and cordial.

My Government have continued to press ahead with the economic development of the Colonial territories, in order to provide a firm foundation for the social and political advancement of My Colonial peoples and to increase the world supply of essential foodstuffs and raw materials.

I have given assent to Constitutional Instruments designed to facilitate the operation of essential common services in the East African territories.

The new Federation of Malaya has been inaugurated and the new Legislative Council of the Colony of Singapore has met. My Ministers are determined to restore law and order in these territories and to suppress the outbreaks of violence which have so unhappily disturbed the peace of the Federation; and to that end My forces have been greatly strengthened and military reinforcements have been sent to Malaya.

I note with satisfaction the measures taken by the Governor-General of the Sudan to set up in that territory an Executive Council and an elected Legislative Assembly as a first step towards self-government, and I regret that the Egyptian Government have so far felt unable to join in assisting this advance.

In accordance with plans announced some months earlier My Government relinquished the Mandate for Palestine on 15th May. At the same time the Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution setting up a United Nations Mediator for Palestine, thus putting into effect a suggestion made by the United Kingdom representative. I deeply regret the loss of life caused by hostilities which broke out between the Arabs and Jews in Palestine. These hostilities have been brought to an end by the energetic action of the Mediator based on truce resolutions adopted by the Security Council. The last British forces have now been withdrawn from Palestine.

Our gratitude is due to the services rendered for so many years by the British civil administration in Palestine, by members of the Palestine Police Force and by the British Armed Forces who have served there. Amid conditions of great difficulty and danger they have discharged their tasks with an impartiality, forbearance and skill deserving of the highest praise.

I have given My assent to the Burma Independence Act, by which Burma became an independent State on 4th January, 1948. The Treaty previously concluded between My Government and the Provisional Government of Burma was ratified on the same date. I wish well to the Government and people of Burma.

My Government have become parties to the Protocol of Provisional Application of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. They have also taken part in Conferences at Geneva and Havana to draw up the draft Charter of the International Trade Organisation and have signed the Final Act of the Havana Conference.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:
I thank you for the provision which you have made for the public services and for My beloved daughter, Princess Elizabeth, and her husband.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:
My Forces have continued honourably to discharge the tasks assigned to them throughout the world.

I have assented to legislation under which women may be enlisted and commissioned in the Army and the Royal Air Force, and this, with the continuance of the Women's Services of the Royal Navy in their existing form, will enable women to maintain their high tradition of service with My Forces.
My Ministers are anxious to ensure the fullest possible growth of good industrial relations, on which efficiency in industry and the necessary increase in production so largely depend. To this end they have encouraged the extension of joint consultation between management and workers at all levels. Acts have been passed to abolish the Poor Law and establish arrangements for assistance to all in need, and to make improved provision for children deprived of a normal home life. Thus has been discharged the great task, which it has fallen to this Parliament to undertake, of giving legislative effect to a comprehensive scheme of social security. That scheme, which has now been brought into operation, will promote the health and well-being of My people, provide a substantial resource in any periods of unavoidable unemployment, and relieve those anxieties which in the past so often attended sickness, disability or old age.

Steps have been taken to improve the facilities for the consideration of Scottish affairs by the establishment of a Scottish Economic Conference and by providing for the greater use of the Standing Committee of the House of Commons on Scottish Bills. I have assented to legislation amending the financial relations between the Exchequer and local authorities, centralising the machinery of valuation for rating purposes, and amending the law as to the valuation of small dwelling houses in England and Wales.

In furtherance of the plan for the co-ordination of the fuel and power industries a measure has been passed to bring the gas industry under public ownership. I have given My assent to measures to reform the administration of criminal justice in England and Wales, and to assimilate and reform the Parliamentary and local government franchise and electoral procedure and revise the distribution of Parliamentary seats. A measure has also been passed to enable a common national status to be maintained throughout the Commonwealth and to amend the law governing the national status of married women.

Legislation has been enacted to promote, in fulfilment of My Government's agricultural policy for the United Kingdom, the stability and long-term development of agriculture in Scotland; to establish River Boards in England and Wales; to enlarge the facilities for veterinary training and improve the status of the profession; and to provide assistance to the white fish and herring industries. I have assented to Bills to encourage the exhibition of British cinematograph films, to provide for the payment of grants for the modernisation of cotton-spinning mills and to set up a body to develop and exploit inventions in the national interest.

An enactment has been passed enabling enquiry by an independent Commission to be made into restrictive business arrangements and monopolies, and authorising corrective measures where these are found necessary. Substantial progress has been made with the work of consolidating and revising the Statute Law and I have given My assent to several Bills introduced for this purpose.

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 fourteenth day of September One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Eight, to be then here holden: and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday the fourteenth day of September, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Eight.
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13th September, 1948.

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 Fourteenth day of this instant September, to be then here holden.
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 resumed the Chair at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Burgh of Glasgow (Gorbals Division) in the room of the Right Honourable George Buchanan, 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.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Ordered, That all Members who are returned for two or more places in any part of the United Kingdom do make their Election for which of the places they will serve, within one week after it shall appear that there is no question upon the Return for that place; and if any thing shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate; and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

Resolved, That no Peer of the Realm, except such Peers of Ireland as shall for the time being be actually elected, and shall not have declined to serve, for any county, city, or borough of Great Britain, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by Bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such Bribery or other corrupt practices.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been tampering with any Witness in respect of his evidence to be given to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly hath endeavoured to deter or hinder any person from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime and 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 Police of the Metropolis do take care that during the Session of Parliament the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to this House, during the Sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or
thereabouts; and that the Serjeant at Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioner aforesaid.

Votes and Proceedings.

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 Frederic William Metcalfe, esquire, 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.

Bank Notes.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd September 1948, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Electricity.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 31st day of July 1948, on stock issued by the British Electricity Authority.

Electricity.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 27th day of July 1948, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Electricity Authority.

Electricity.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 25th day of August 1948, on stock issued by the British Electricity Authority under the Electricity Act, 1947.

Electricity.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 25th day of August 1948, on stock issued by the British Electricity Authority under the Electricity Act, 1947.

Pensions.

Copy of Draft Rules entitled the Superannuation (Public Offices) (Number 2) Rules, 1948.

Transport.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 13th day of August 1948, on stock issued by the British Transport Commission under the Transport Act, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Bank Notes, Electricity and Transport, be printed.

Criminal Statistics.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics relating to Crime and Criminal Proceedings in England and Wales for 1947.

Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation.


Church Temporalities (Wales).

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Flint 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.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of a Measure,—Copy of the Final Accounts of Queen Anne's Bounty and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for periods from the 1st day of January 1947 to the 31st day of March 1948 and from the 1st day of November 1946 to the 31st day of March 1948 respectively, with a Special Report of the Church Commissioners relative thereto and copies of Resolutions passed on the 22nd day of July 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937—

(1) Ayr County Council.
(2) Dumfries Town Council.

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 13th September 1948, entitled the Air Navigation (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 13th September 1948, entitled—

(1) the Northern Rhodesia (Legislative Council) (Amendment No. 2) Order in Council, 1948.
(2) the Somaliland Order in Council, 1948.
(3) the Tanganyika Order in Council, 1948,
(4) the Nigeria (Protectorate and Cameroons) Order in Council, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th Gambia.

September 1948, entitled the Gambia (Legislative Council) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1948.


September 1948, entitled—

(1) the Kenya (Native Areas) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1948, and
(2) the Kenya Colony and Protectorate (Boundaries) Order in Council, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th Matrimonial Causes.

September 1948, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (War Marriages) (Mauritius) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th Merchant Shipping.

September 1948, entitled the British Solomon Islands Maritime Order in Council, 1948.

Copies of two Orders in Council, dated Navy (Pay, Pensions, &c.), 13th September 1948, approving Admiralty Memorials sanctioning—

(1) the establishment of new ratings in the Electrical Branch, and
(2) the temporary retention of Surgeon Rear-Admiral C. E. Greeson, C.B., M.D., Ch.B., K.H.P., on the Active List.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 13th September 1948, entitled—
1. The Utility Apparel (Men's and Boys' Shirts, Underwear and Nightwear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1948,
2. The Utility Apparel (Nurses' Uniforms) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948,
3. The Lace and Woven Curtain Net (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948, and

Copy of an Order, dated 13th September 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) (No. 12) Order, 1948.

Orders, dated 14th September 1948, entitled—
1. The Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 91) Order, 1948, and

Copy of an Order, dated 14th September 1948, entitled the Cotton (Single Yarn) (Prices) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

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. Aberdare Borough Council.
11. Derby County Council.
15. Heston and Isleworth Town Council.
21. Lichfield Superannuation Joint Committee.
25. Newcastle upon Tyne City Council.
30. Stafford Town Council.
31. Sunderland County Borough Council.
32. Wallasey Town Council.
33. Walsall County Borough Council.

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the Employment directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, entitled the National Youth Employment Council and Advisory Committees for Scotland and Wales Regulations, 1948.

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 His Majesty's High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland in respect of the functions transferred from the Northern Ireland Land Purchase (Winding-Up) Act, 1935, for the year ended 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had, this day, attended His Majesty in the House of Peers, when His Majesty was pleased to make a most gracious Speech from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy; which he read to the House, as followeth:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:
I have summoned you to meet at this time in order that you may give further consideration to the Bill to amend the Parliament Act, 1911, on which there was disagreement between the two Houses last Session.
It is not proposed to bring any other business before you in the present Session.
I pray that the blessing of the Almighty may rest upon your counsels.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, pursuant to the Motion for an Address, 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 You have addressed to both Houses of Parliament—(Mr. Leslie)—And a Debate arising thereupon:
Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Whiteley.)
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Adjournment:—(Mr. Whiteley.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 15th September, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of July 1948, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th September 1948, entitled the Clearing Office (Italy) Amendment Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Rome, on the 2nd day of August 1948, constituting an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Italian Government for the Settlement of Debts due to Italy under the Anglo-Italian Clearing Agreement.

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 Regulations, dated 11th September 1948, entitled the National Assistance (Powers of Inspection) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Scunthorpe Town Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th August 1948, entitled the Stafford and Derby Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1948, 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. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th September 1948, entitled the Pupils' Registration Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Government Business shall have precedence at every Sitting; and that no Bills other than Government Bills shall be introduced.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That the Standing Orders (Appointment of Committees) and (Business of Supply) be suspended for the duration of this Session.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Snowden.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges do Privileges consist of Ten Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Attorney General, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Edward Davies, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. Neil Maclean, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. James Reid, Mr. Thomas Reid 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. Whiteley)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as relate to Private Bills, and that such Committee do classify and prepare abstracts of the same in such form and manner as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite information respecting their contents, and do report the same from time to time to the House; and that the Reports of the Committee do set forth, in respect of each Petition, the number of signatures which are accompanied by addresses, and which are written on sheets headed in every case by the prayer of the Petition, or on the back of such sheets, provided that on every sheet after the first the prayer may be reproduced in print or by other mechanical process; and that such Committee have power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it:—And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Barton, Lieutenant-Colonel Boles, Mr. Chater, Mr. Daggar, Mr. Erroll, Mr. Grey, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Goy, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Lambert, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. McAdam, Colonel Ponsonby, 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. Whiteley.)
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 Commander Agnew, Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. Barlett, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. Collins, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Haydn Davies, Mrs. Gould, Mr. Guy, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. McIntee, Mr. Mainwaring, Captain Marsden, Sir Henry Morris Jones, Mrs. Nichol and Mrs. Ridsdale.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Snow);

And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Simons.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 3.]

Thursday, 16th September, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Paper entitled United Kingdom Balance of Payments (1946 to 1948).

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 18th August 1948, directing that Mr. Anthony Paul Irby shall be nominated of Commander Agnew, Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. Barlett, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. Collins, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Haydn Davies, Mrs. Gould, Mr. Guy, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. McIntee, Mr. Mainwaring, Captain Marsden, Sir Henry Morris Jones, Mrs. Nichol and Mrs. Ridsdale.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme, dated 14th September 1948, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (School of Electronics) Scheme, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th September 1948, entitled the Glucose (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to Animals directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th September 1948, amending the Third and Sixth Schedules to the Animals (Anesthetics) Act, 1919.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary Edg and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to amend the Parliament Act, 1911: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 14th day of this instant September, 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 Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament: And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words—

"But humbly regret that, while the national difficulties are multiplying both at home and abroad, Your Majesty's advisers, in their preoccupation with partisan manœuvreurs, are unable to lay before the House any measures for their solution."—(Mr. Butler.)

And the Question being proposed, Those words be there added—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Snow.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Snow): And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 4.]

Friday, 17th September, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S .

Air Force. M R. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Particulars of Grants of Pay and Allowances, &c., sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury during the year ended the 31st day of March 1947, under the Dispensing Order of the 14th day of January 1922, made under Section 2 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant September, 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, yesterday, was proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 14th day of this instant September, 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 regret that, while the national difficulties are multiplying both at home and abroad, Your Majesty's advisers, in their preoccupation with partisan manœuvreurs, are unable to lay before the House any measures for their solution;"

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added —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

Yea, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Drewe:196
Noes, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Robert Taylor:322

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.
Writ of Burghs Stirling and Falkirk District 1.5

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 Stirling and Falkirk District of Burghs in the room of the Right Honourable Joseph Westwood, deceased. (Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, — Copies of Reports to the Lord Chancellor and to Mr. Speaker from the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee, —

(1) That they had considered a reference from the Ministry of Civil Aviation made in accordance with subsection (4) (c) of Regulation II of the Statutory Instruments Regulations, 1947, in respect of the Air Navigation Directions, 1948 (A.N.D. 168), and that they had come to the following Resolution, viz., That the said Directions do not constitute such a Statutory Rule as is referred to in subsection (2) of Section 1 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 1946; and

(2) That they had considered notifications from the Ministry of Transport made in accordance with subsection (3) of Regulation II of the Statutory Instruments Regulations, 1947, in respect of maps and plans referred to in the Instruments contained in the Schedule to their Report, and that they had directed the Ministry of Transport that the notification required by the said Regulation need not be given in respect of future maps and plans referred to in Instruments of the class to which the Instruments mentioned in the Schedule belong.

Mr. Speaker also laid upon the Table, — Communication explaining why a Copy of the undermentioned Statutory Instrument was not laid before this House before the Instrument came into operation:—

(1) the Utility Footwear (Maximum Prices) Regulations, dated 30th July 1948, entitled the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 9) Regulations, 1948.

The following Papers, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before this House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 18th day of this instant September, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table,—

Copies of Orders, dated 17th September 1948, entitled—

(2) the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 24) Order, 1948, and

(3) the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 18) Order, 1948.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell 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 Woodburn presented, by His Majesty’s Command,— Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board Constructional Scheme No. 11 (Keith-Aberdeen Transmission Lines).

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of an Order, dated 17th September 1948, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constitutional Scheme No. 11) Confirmation Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of an Order, dated 16th September 1948, entitled the Traffic on Canals and Inland Navigations (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliament’s Second Reading of the Parliament Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “ That ” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “ this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill for which there has been no public demand, which ignores the readiness of all political parties to reform the composition of the House of Lords, and which can only have the effect of depriving the nation of sufficient time during the passage of important and controversial Bills to form and express its opinion ”.—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe),— 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. Robert Taylor; Noes, Mr. Drewe:

319.

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. Snow.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into said Committee.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order in Council, dated 14th September 1948, entitled the Air Navigation (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 2074), a copy of which was presented on the 14th day of this instant September, be annulled—(Mr. Erroll);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Erroll,
Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre:

45.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Snow,
Mr. Richard Adar:

191.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do adjourn. (Mr. Collindridge.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 21st September, 1948.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th September 1948, entitled the Woven Cloth (Cotton, Rayon and Linen) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1948.

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 17th September 1948, entitled the Salvaged Goods Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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. Wilkins:

289.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Studholme,
Major Conant:

134.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That when an Order of the day is read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the Parliament Bill, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question, notwithstanding that Notice of an Instruction has been given, and on the Committee Stage of that Bill the Chairman shall forthwith put the Question that he do report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House without putting any other Question, and the Question so put shall be decided without Amendment or Debate—(Mr. Secretary Ede);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Richard Adams,
Mr. Wilkins:

280.

Tellers for the Noes,
Major Conant,
Brigadier Mackeson:

154.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved in the Negative.

The Motion of Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Whiteley,
Mr. Robert Taylor:

323.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn,
Mr. Drewe:

195.

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 Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill, as compared with the Parliament Bill, 1947, contains only such alteration as is necessary owing to the time which has elapsed since the date of that Bill.

D. CLIFTON BROWN,
Speaker.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations,
dated 30th June 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Control and Management of Hospital Endowment Fund) Regulations, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 1459), a copy of which was presented on the 1st day of July in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled.—[Sir John Mellor] ;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the [Sir John Mellor, Yeas, {Mr. Renton} 40, Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons, Noes, {Mr. Richard Adams} 183, So it passed in the Negative.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Collindridge.] And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 22nd September, 1948.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That His Majesty, having been attended with their Address of the 17th day of this instant September, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received with great satisfaction the loyal and dutiful expression of your thanks for the Speech with which I have opened the present session of Parliament.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Thirty-ninth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and Excise for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, being the Ninety-second Report relating to the Customs and the Ninety-first Report relating to the Excise.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd September 1948, entitled the Paper (Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order 1948.

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 20th September 1948, entitled the Nottinghamshire Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1948, 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. Marquand presented, by His Majesty's Command,—List of Exceptional Awards of Pensions and Allowances sanctioned by the Treasury to disabled members and the dependants of deceased members of the Armed Forces during the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, at the Bar, acquainted Place of the House, That he had a Message from His Majesty to this House signed by His Majesty's own hand, and he presented the same to the House; and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered), and is as followeth:

It is His Majesty's pleasure that on Monday the 25th day of October next, or on such other day as may be notified to both Houses of Parliament as convenient for closing this session, the House of Commons shall meet in St. Stephen's Hall. And it is His Majesty's further pleasure, that, on the day to which Parliament shall thereafter stand prorogued, the House of Commons shall again meet in St. Stephen's Hall; and that as soon as conveniently may be after His Majesty has delivered his speech to both Houses of Parliament, the chamber at present assigned to the House of Commons as their place of sitting shall be again made ready for their occupation.

GEORGE R.

Ordered, That His Majesty's Most Gracious Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.—[Mr. Herbert Morrison.]

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—[Mr. Whiteley] ;

And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 3rd August 1948, entitled the Food (Seasonal Allowances) Order, 1948 (S.I. 1948, No. 1823), a copy of which was delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 3rd day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled—[Mr. Hard] ;—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. Popplewell, Yeas, {Mr. Wilkins} 151, Tellers for the [Major Conant, Noes, {Brigadier Macheson} 48, So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 3rd August 1948, entitled the Food (Seasonal Allowances) Order, 1948 [S.I., 1948, No. 1823], a copy of which was delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 3rd day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hard, 47
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell, 148

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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 Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

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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 French Republic regarding Facilities &c. for British Armed Forces pending their Withdrawal from French Territory (with Annexes and Notes exchanged), signed at Paris on the 19th day of April 1948.

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic regarding Reciprocal Military Air Transit Facilities (with Annexes and Notes exchanged), signed at Paris on the 19th day of April 1948.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Rome, between the 14th day of June and the 2nd day of August 1948, constituting an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Italian Government for the Recruitment of Italian Skilled Workers for Employment in Kenya (with Annexes).

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 22nd September 1948, entitled the Factories Acts (Certificates of Fitness of Young Persons) (Adaptation) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Marquand presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Twenty-third Report of the Minister of Pensions (for the period from the 1st day of April 1939 to the 31st day of March 1948).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of offences relating to Motor Vehicles in England and Wales, the number of persons prosecuted for such offences, the results of the proceedings in Magistrates' Courts, and the number of the alleged offences in respect of which written warnings were issued by the police, together with the number of persons concerned, during the year ended the 31st day of December 1947. (Mr. Secretary Edc.)

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, as followeth:

It is His Majesty's pleasure that on Monday the 25th day of October next, or on such other day as may be notified to both Houses of Parliament as convenient for closing this Session, the House of Commons shall meet in St. Stephen's Hall; and that as soon as conveniently may be after His Majesty has delivered his speech to both Houses of Parliament, the chamber at present assigned to the House of Commons as their place of sitting shall be again made ready for their occupation.

GEORGE R.

Resolved, That on Monday the 25th 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 at Twelve of the clock, and that no Questions be taken. (Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That on any day to which Parliament stands prorogued this House shall meet at Eleven of the clock in St. Stephen's Hall; and after the House has returned from attending His Majesty or His Majesty's Commissioners in the House of Peers, Mr. Speaker shall resume the chair at Four of the clock and forthwith adjourn the House, without putting any question, to the chamber at present appointed for the use of this House. (Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Defence statement made by the Lord President of the
Council on the 14th day of this instant September relating to Defence. — (Mr. Alexander.)

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 23rd day of this instant September, for a Return relative to Offences relating to Motor Vehicles.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of a Report of the British Guiana and British Honduras Settlement Commission.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Copy of an Order, dated 24th September 1948, entitled the Control of Timber (No. 50) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitshill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd September 1948, entitled the Electricity (Pension Rights) Regulations, 1948.

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 23rd September 1948, entitled the Fleur Confectionery (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948.

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 21st September 1948, authorising the landing of animals from the ss. “Good Hope Castle” at the port of London.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this Adjournment, day, do adjourn till Monday the 25th day of October next.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whitelaw);

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. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned Monday the 25th day of October next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

The House met at Twelve of the clock in St. Stephen's Hall.

PRAYERS.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of a Memorandum to the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, European Co-operation Administration covering the revised United Kingdom Programme for the year ending on the 30th day of June 1949.

Copy of a Report of the Inter-departmental Committee on Social and Economic Research.

Copy of the Seventy-second Annual Report of His Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives (for 1947).

Copy of an account of the events leading up to a reference of the Berlin Question to the United Nations.

Copy of an Agreement for Intra-European Payments and Compensations, signed at Paris on the 16th day of October 1948, with a Protocol of Provisional Application and a Decision on the application of certain principles of Commercial Policy taken by the Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation on the 16th day of October 1948. (The Agreement has not yet been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.)

25th October. 1948.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 6th day of September 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, prolonging the Anglo-Netherlands Monetary Agreement of the 7th day of September 1945.

Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on the 22nd day of September 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America for the Establishment of the United States Educational Commission in the United Kingdom (with Notes exchanged).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Madrid, on the 28th day of October 1946, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Spanish Government for the Recognition of the Assumption by the Allied Control Council of Powers of Disposal in regard to German Enemy Assets in Spain (with Annex).

Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on the 31st day of September 1948, constituting an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America relating to Ferrous Scrap Exports.

Copy of a Report of the Secretary of State for Scotland on Education in Scotland for May 1937.

Copy of a Report of the Court investigation of the accident to the Tudor IV Aircraft "Star Tiger" G-AHN P on the 30th day of January 1948, held under the Air Navigation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations, 1922.

Copy of Statistics relating to the Judicial Statistics, 1922.

Copy of a Housing Summary dated 31st August 1948.

Copy of the Report of the Court of the Supreme Court Judicature, 1922.


The following Papers, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before this House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office, on the undermentioned dates, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

25th September 1948 —

Copy of an Order, dated 24th September 1948, entitled the Gloves (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

27th September 1948 —

Copy of an Order, dated 27th September 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Amendment) (No. 12) Order, 1948.

28th September 1948 —

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Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Command, Report of Government Action relative to Wales and Monmouthshire for the year ended the 30th day of June 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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.

The Session now ending has been marked by the meeting of My Prime Ministers and other Ministers representing Commonwealth countries. I have been happy to welcome to this country those who have come from overseas to attend the meeting and I am sure that great good must come of this personal exchange of views between the Leaders of My Governments.

I am also gratified that the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference has brought together in the United Kingdom many other distinguished citizens from Commonwealth countries. Representatives of My peoples in Africa have conferred in London with My Ministers. Their meetings will, I am confident, promote closer understanding, co-operative endeavour and mutual benefit.

My Government have continued to take an active part in the work of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, which has recently agreed upon recommendations about the division of the first year's aid from the United States. My Government, together with the other members of the Organisation, have also signed a convention to facilitate trade and payments among the countries concerned.

My Government have taken certain measures to strengthen My Armed Forces. They have also, in association with the other Governments signatory to the Treaty of Brussels, set up the nucleus of a command organisation for the defence forces of the Five Powers, and made arrangements to deal with problems of production and equipment.

The two Houses have again failed to agree on the Bill to amend the Parliament Act, 1911. My Ministers have drawn counsel and support from your valuable debates on the international situation, on defence and on economic affairs. 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-sixth day of October One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, to be then here holden: and this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued until this twenty-sixth day of October One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight.
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Towards making good the Supply for the year ended 31st March, 1947, the sum of £7,666,889 is. 5d.

Towards making good the Supply for the year ending 31st March, 1948, the sum of £245,197,121.

Towards making good the Supply for the year ending 31st March, 1949, the sum of £1,058,174,000.

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